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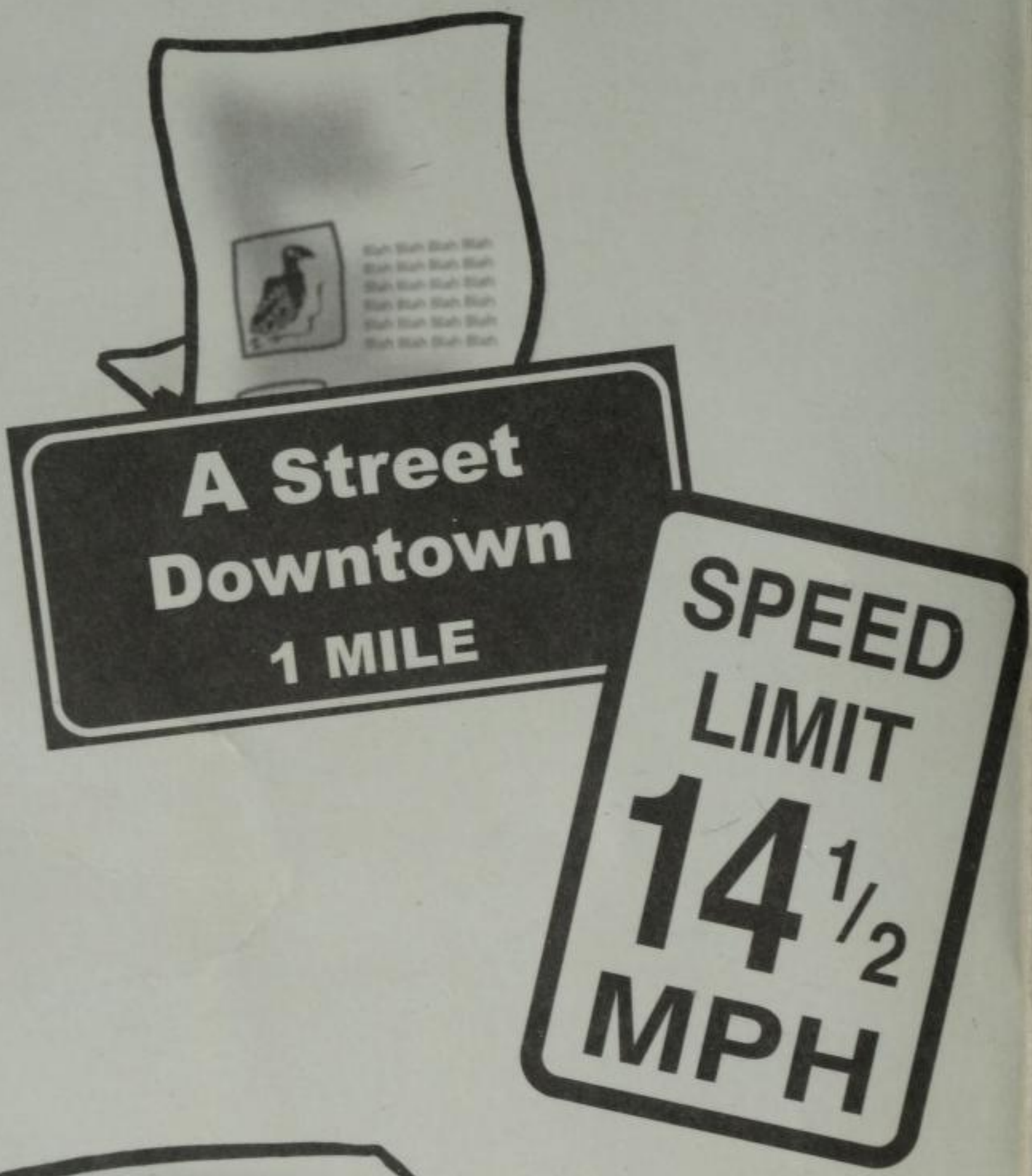
A Street
Downtown
1 MILE
SPEED
LIMIT
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ROAD TRIP

WHAT DID THAT SIGN SAY?

Let's take a drive and see!

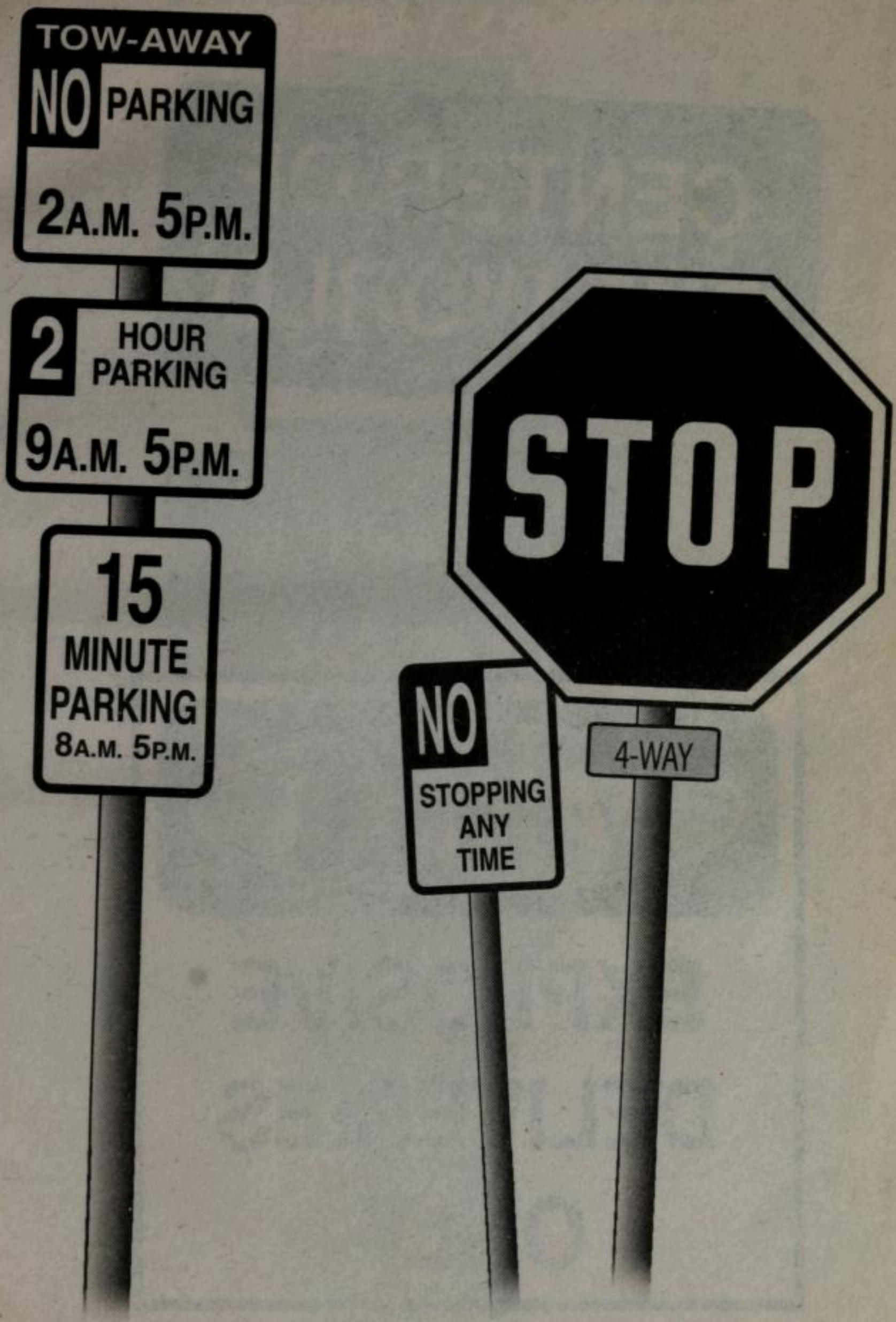
Rim Drive, Durango, CO

San Diego, CA

Boston, MA

Kyushi, Japan detour sign

A Street
Downtown
1 MILE
BIG FOOT
XING
Due to sightings
in the area of a
creature resembling
"Big Foot" this sign
has been posted
for your safety.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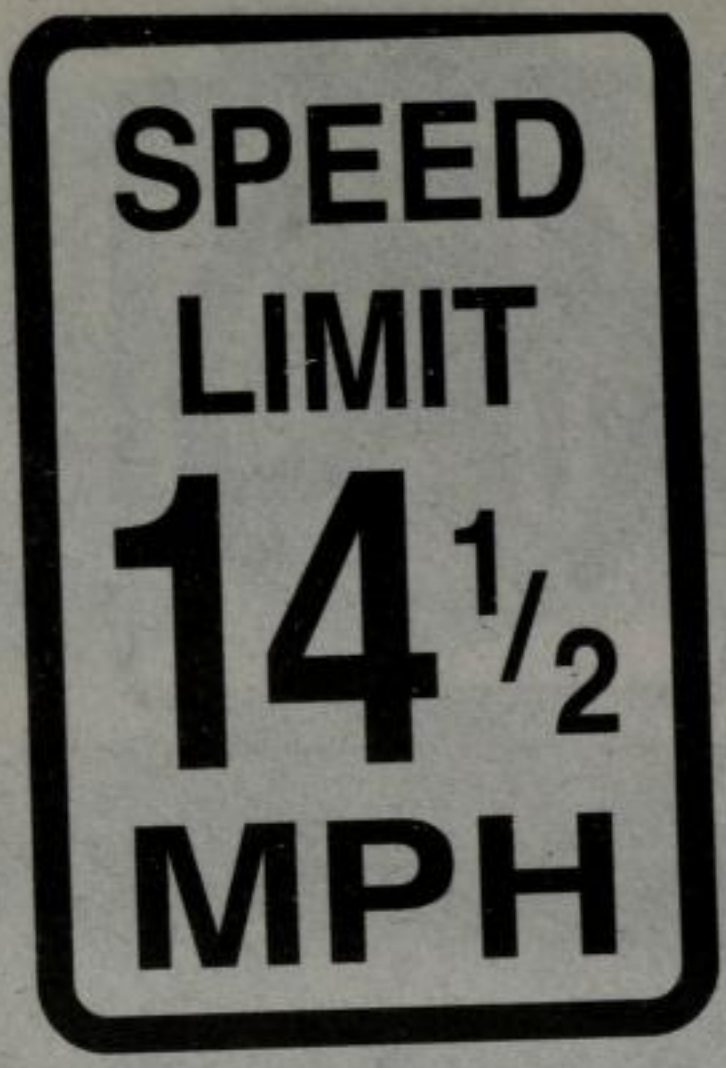
NO PARKING
2A.M. 5P.M.
2 HOUR PARKING
9A.M. 5P.M.
15 MINUTE PARKING
8A.M. 5P.M.
STOP
NO STOPPING ANY TIME
4-WAY

CENTER OF
THE WORLD

DANGER
EXPLOSIVE
DELIVERIES
ONLY

FLIGHT FOR LIFE
LANDING AREA
DEAD
END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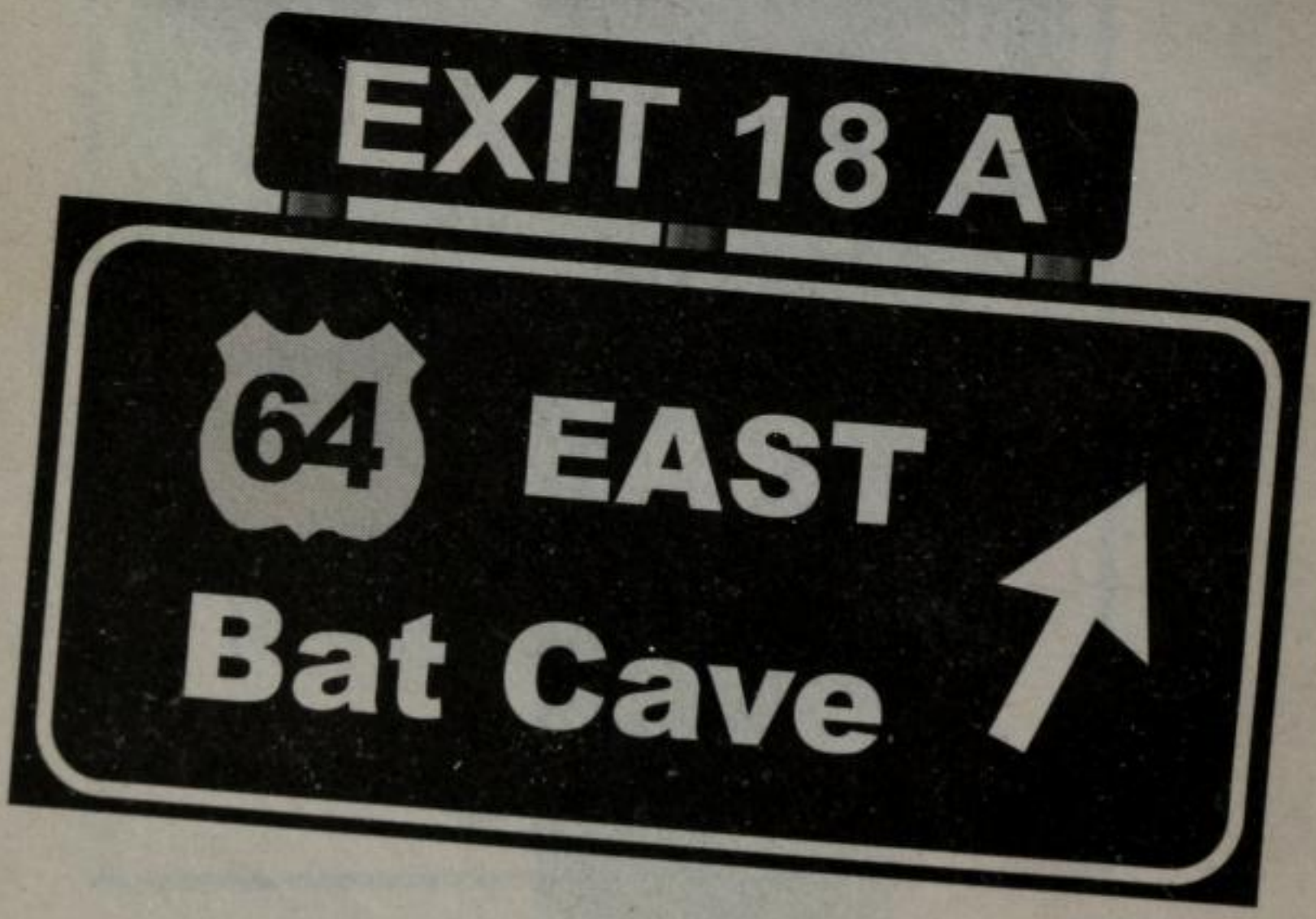
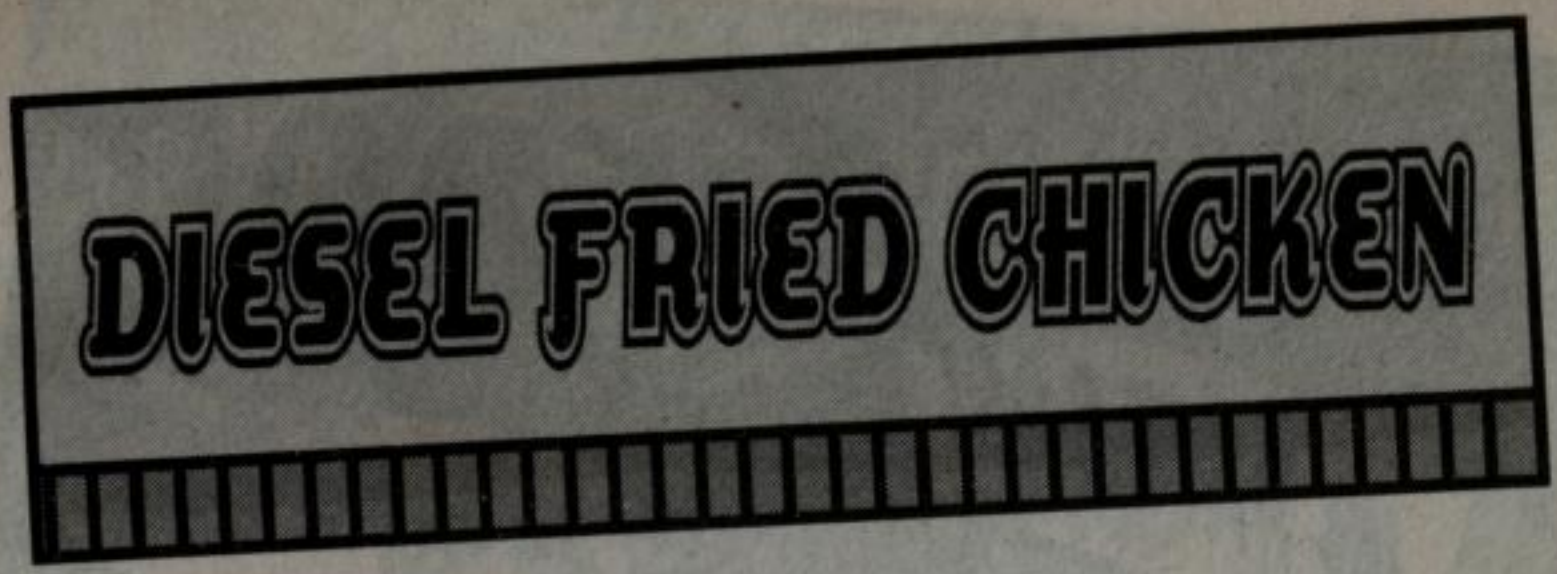

EXIT 18 A
64
EAST
Bat Cave

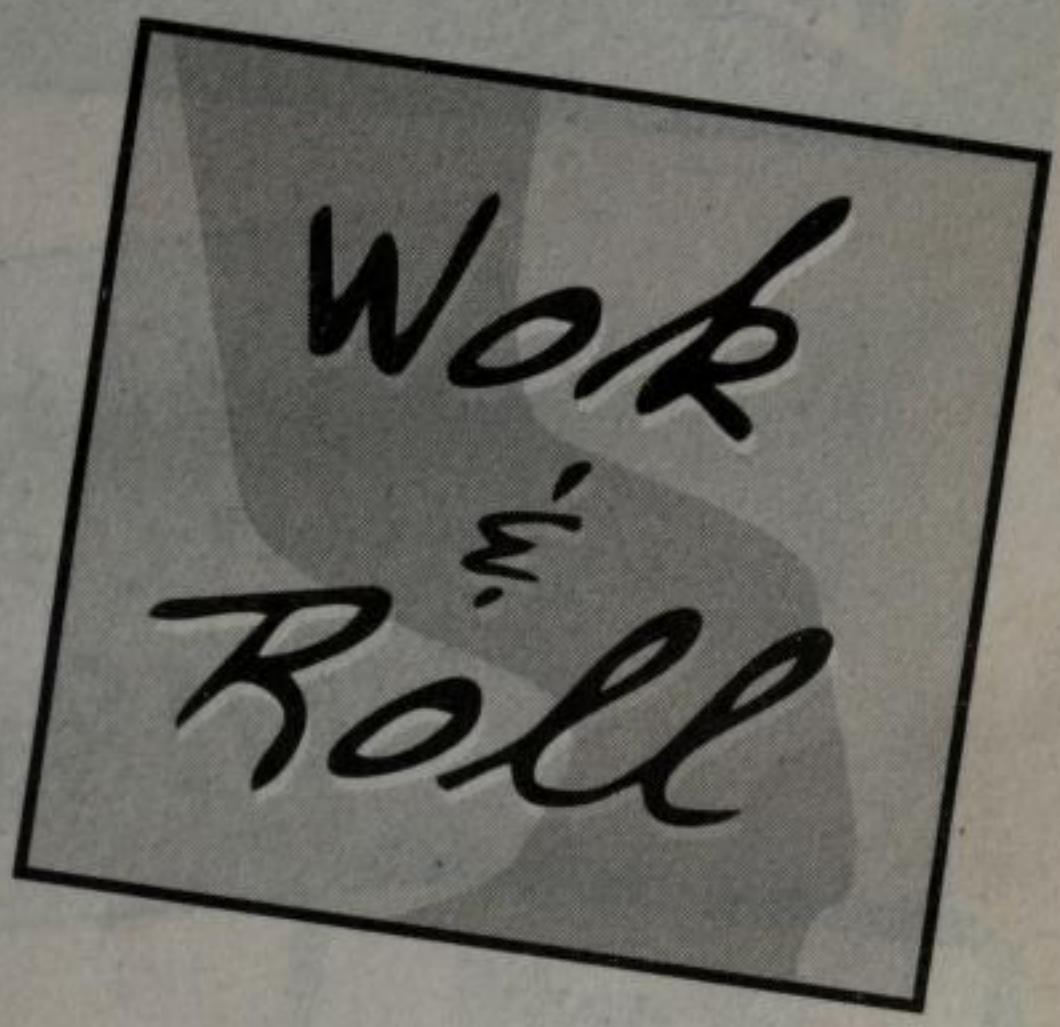
KEEP
RIGHT

CAUTION
WATER ON ROAD
DURING
RAIN

MOBI DITCH
BRIDGE

ENTRANCE
ONLY
DO NOT
ENTER





On the menu of a New Orleans restaurant:

Blackened bluefish

They have Mexican FOOD.

WE HAVE GAS!

in"JEAN"ious

POO PING
THAI CHINESE
CUISINE

WE SERVE
GRILLED
TIMBER WOLF

Kids With Gas Eat Free

In a Maine restaurant:

Open seven days a week
and weekends.

When this sign is under water, this road is impassable.

In a Los Angeles clothing store:

Wonderful bargains for men with
16 and 17 necks.

Istanbul hotel corridor sign:

Please to evacuate in hall especially
which is accompanied by rude noises.

Moscow hotel lobby across from a Russian Orthodox monastery:

You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

Leipzig elevator:

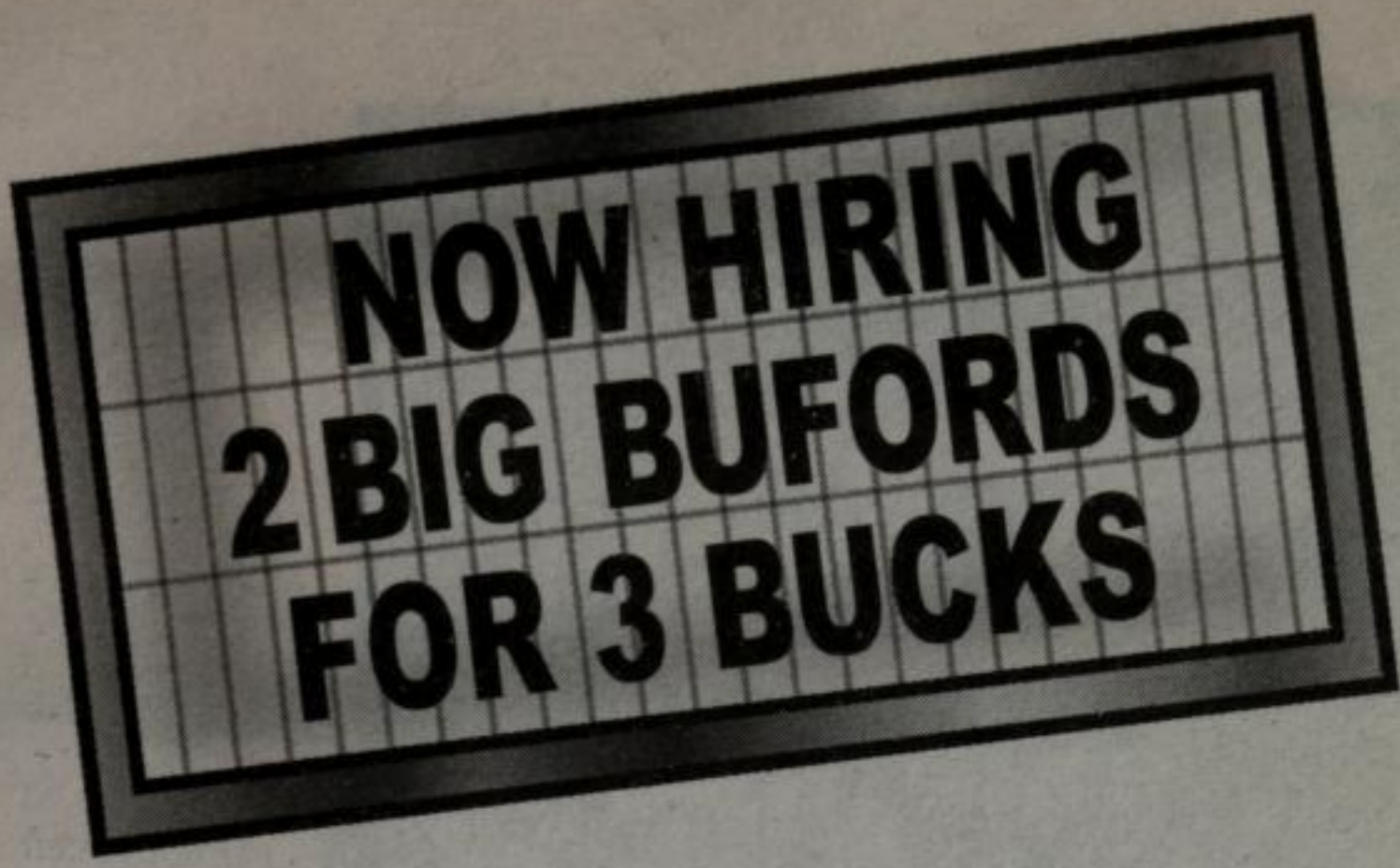
Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up.

Swiss mountain inn:

Special today—no ice cream.

Majorcan shop entrance:
English well talking.

On the door of a health food shop:



Outside a muffler shop:

No appointment necessary.
We heard you coming.

On the door of a computer store:

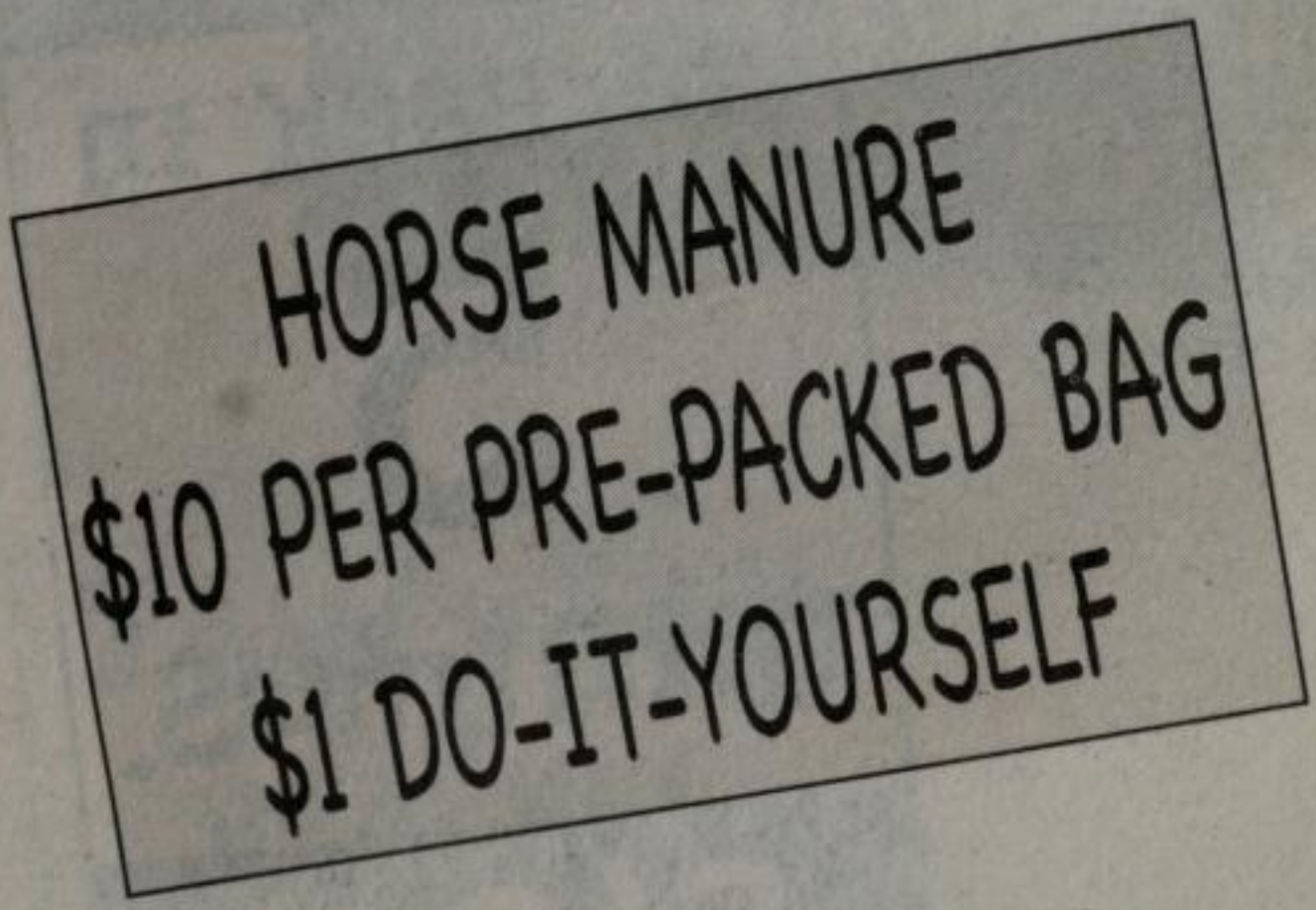
Out for a quick byte.

On the door of a music library:

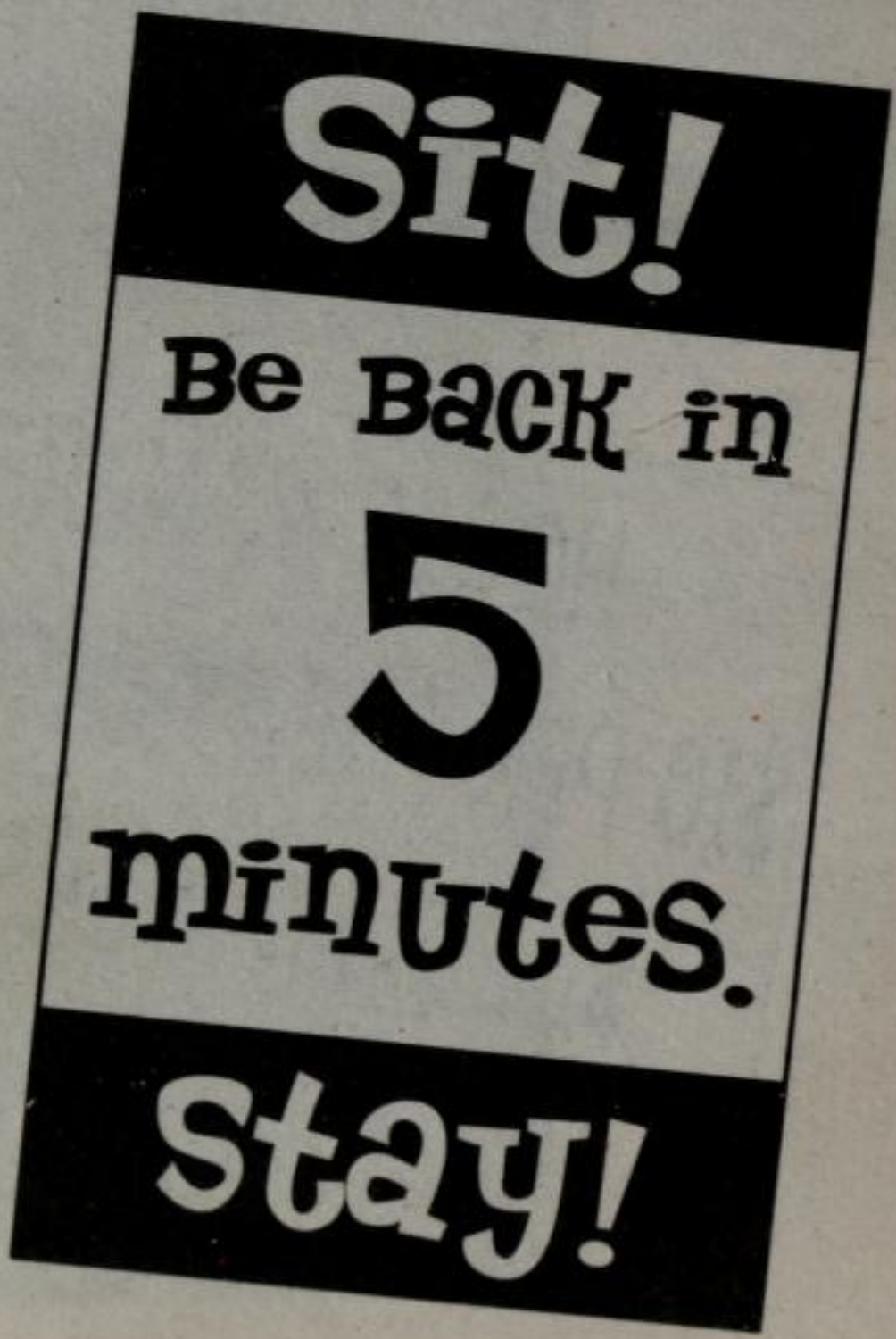
Bach in a min-u-et.

WE CAN
REPAIR
ANYTHING
PLEASE
KNOCK HARD
ON THE DOOR-
THE BELL
DOESN'T WORK

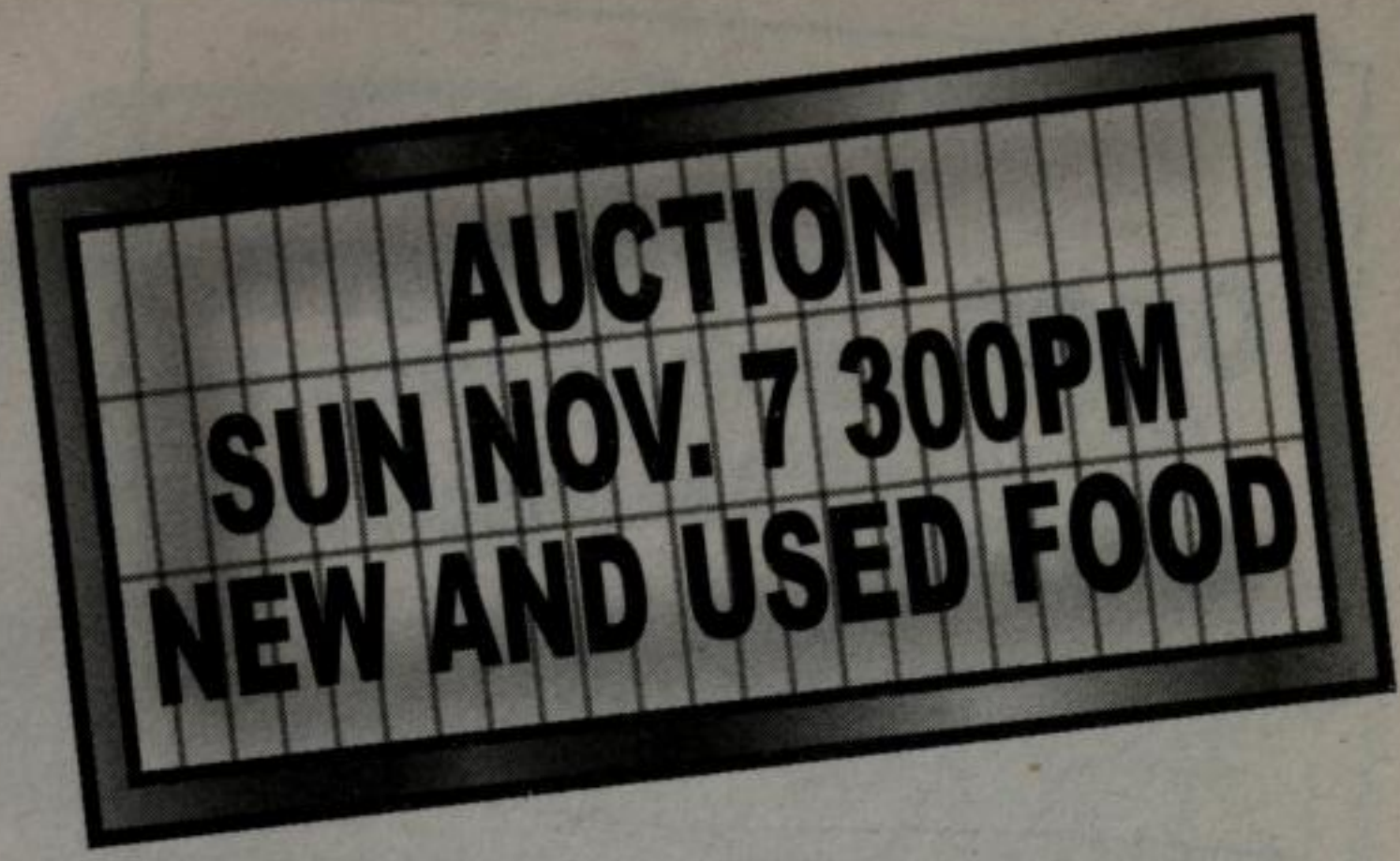
Spotted in a safari park



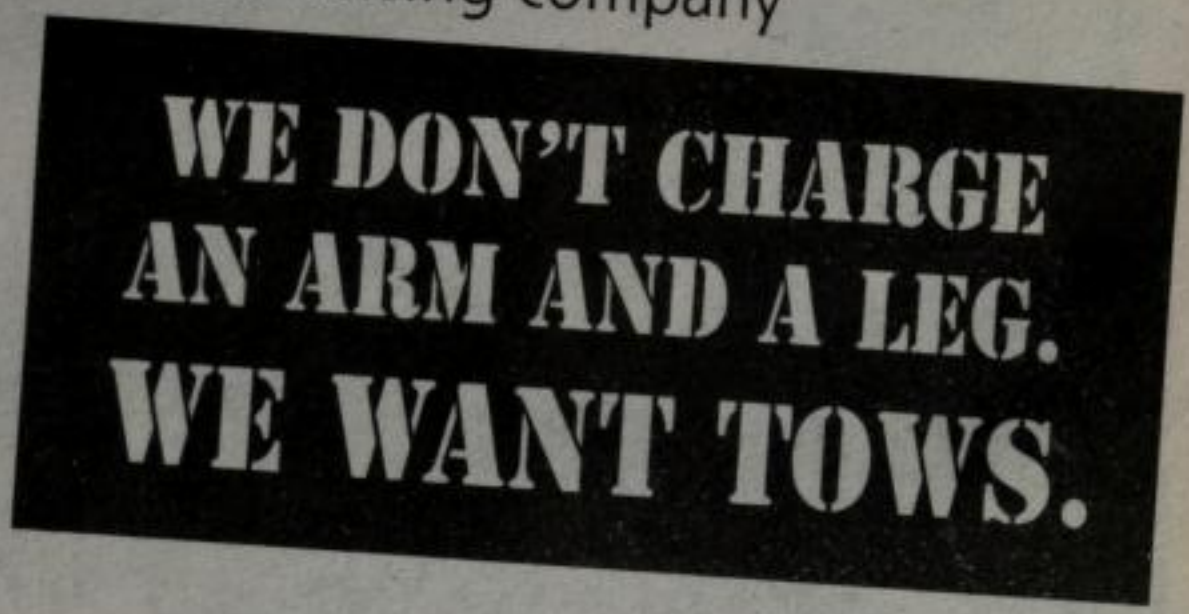
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

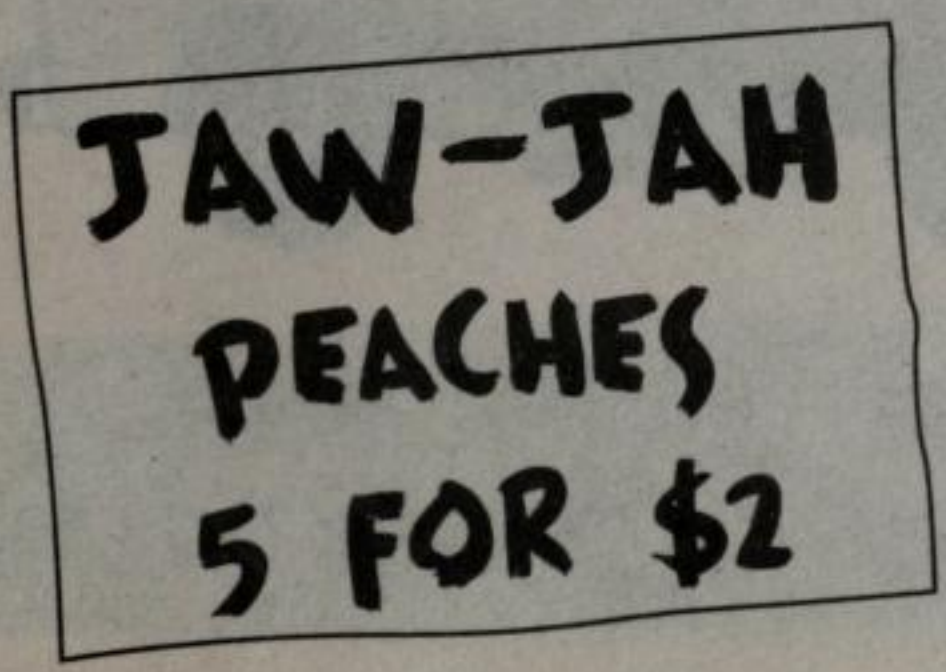


On the door of a vet's office

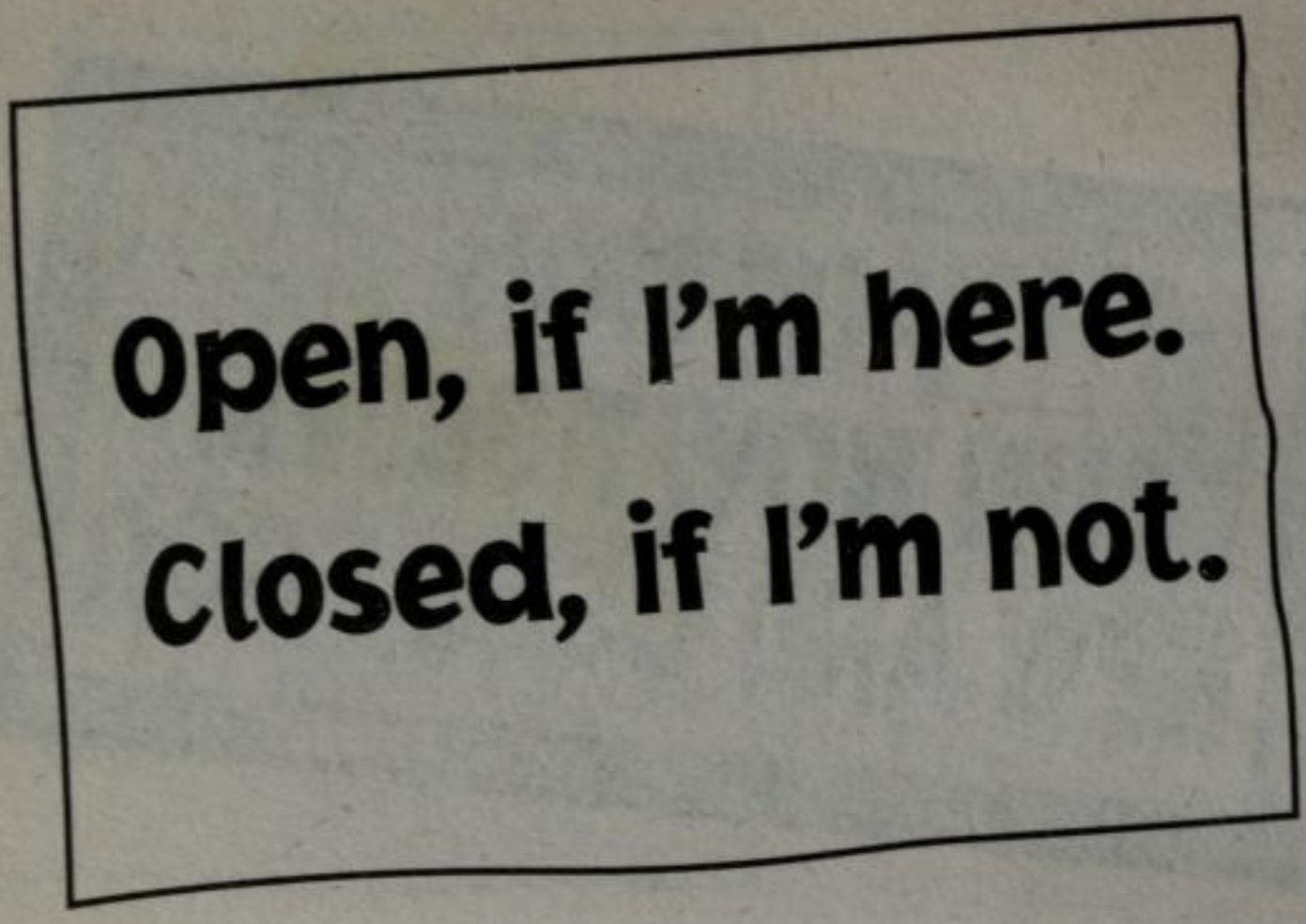


At a car towing company



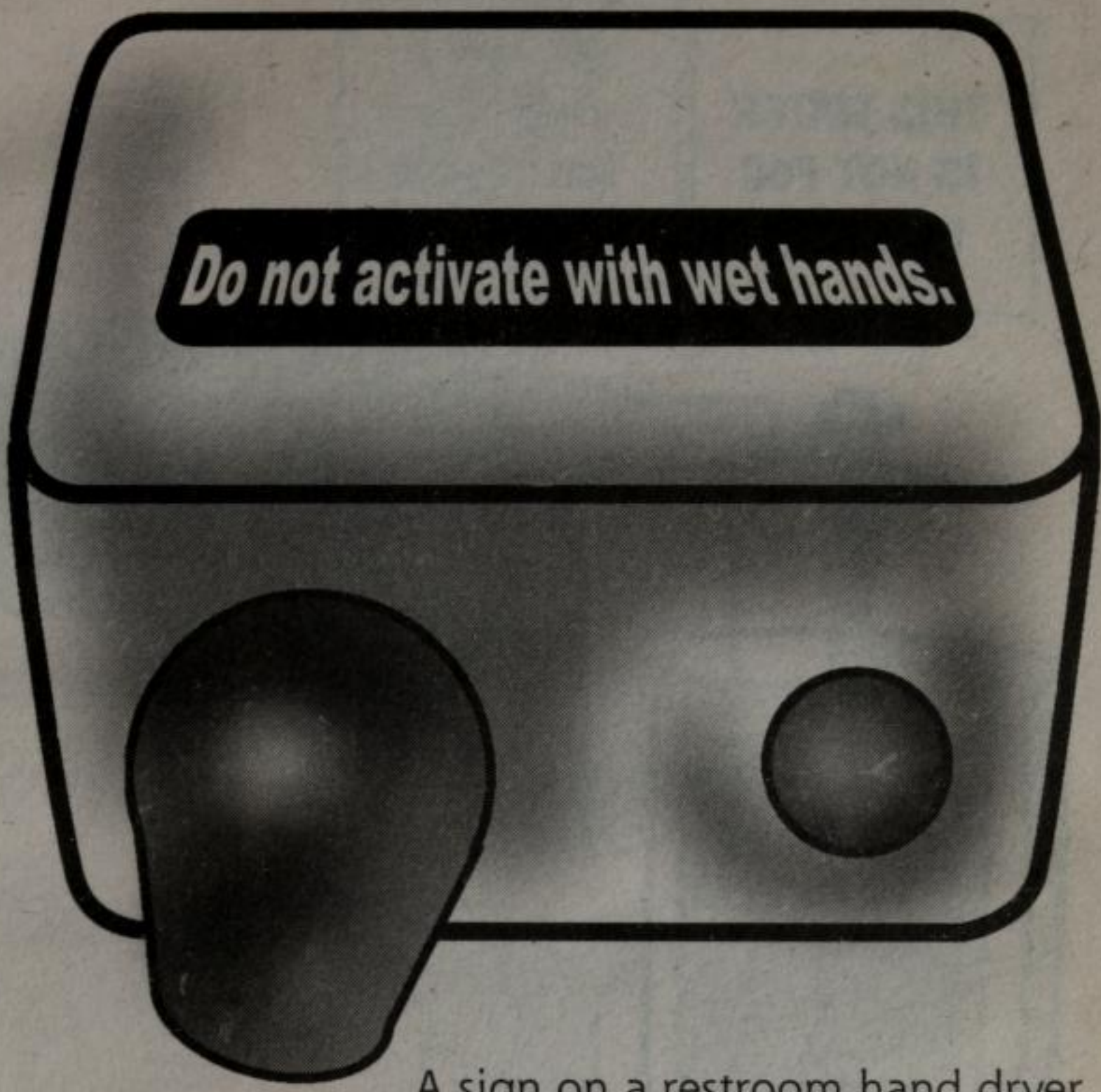


At a roadside stand in Georgia



Copenhagen airline ticket office:

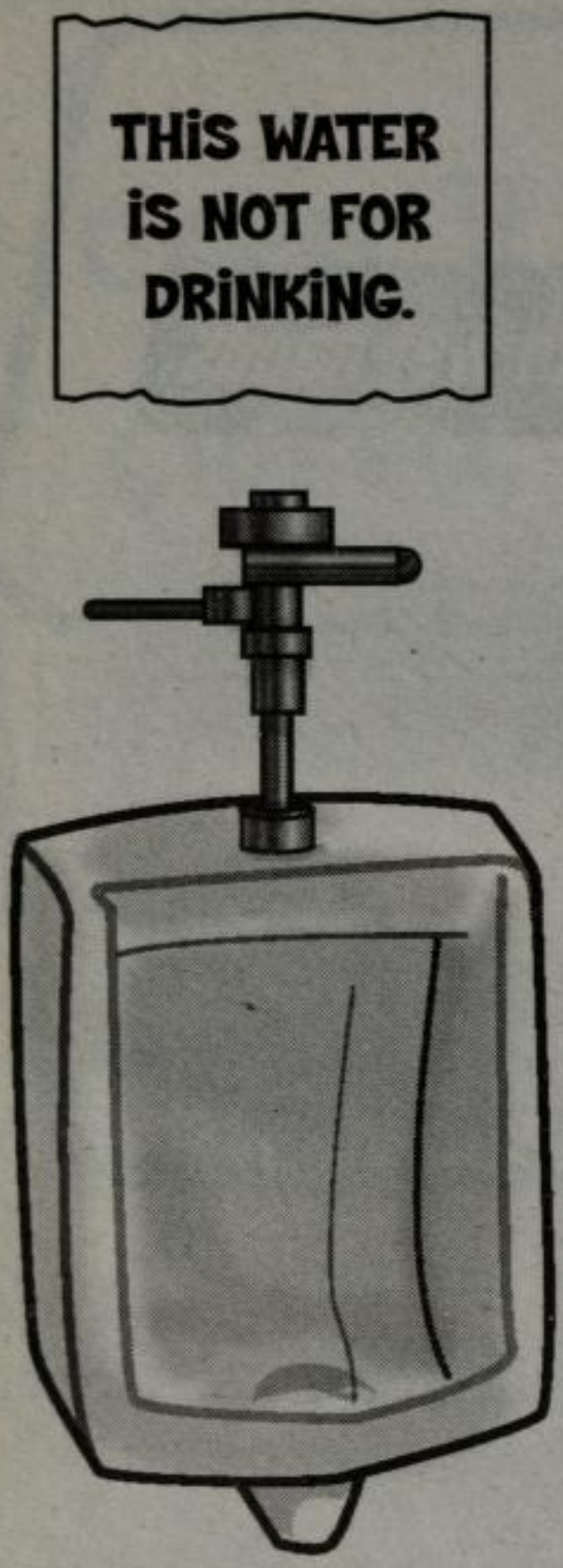
We take your bags and send them in all directions.



A sign on a restroom hand dryer
at O'Hare Field in Chicago

At a Santa Fe gas station:

We will sell gasoline to anyone in a glass container.



In a cafeteria:

Shoes are required to eat in the cafeteria. Socks can eat any place they want.

In a Florida maternity ward:

No children allowed.

In a Tacoma, Washington men's clothing store:

15 men's wool suits - $100 -
They won't last an hour!

If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.

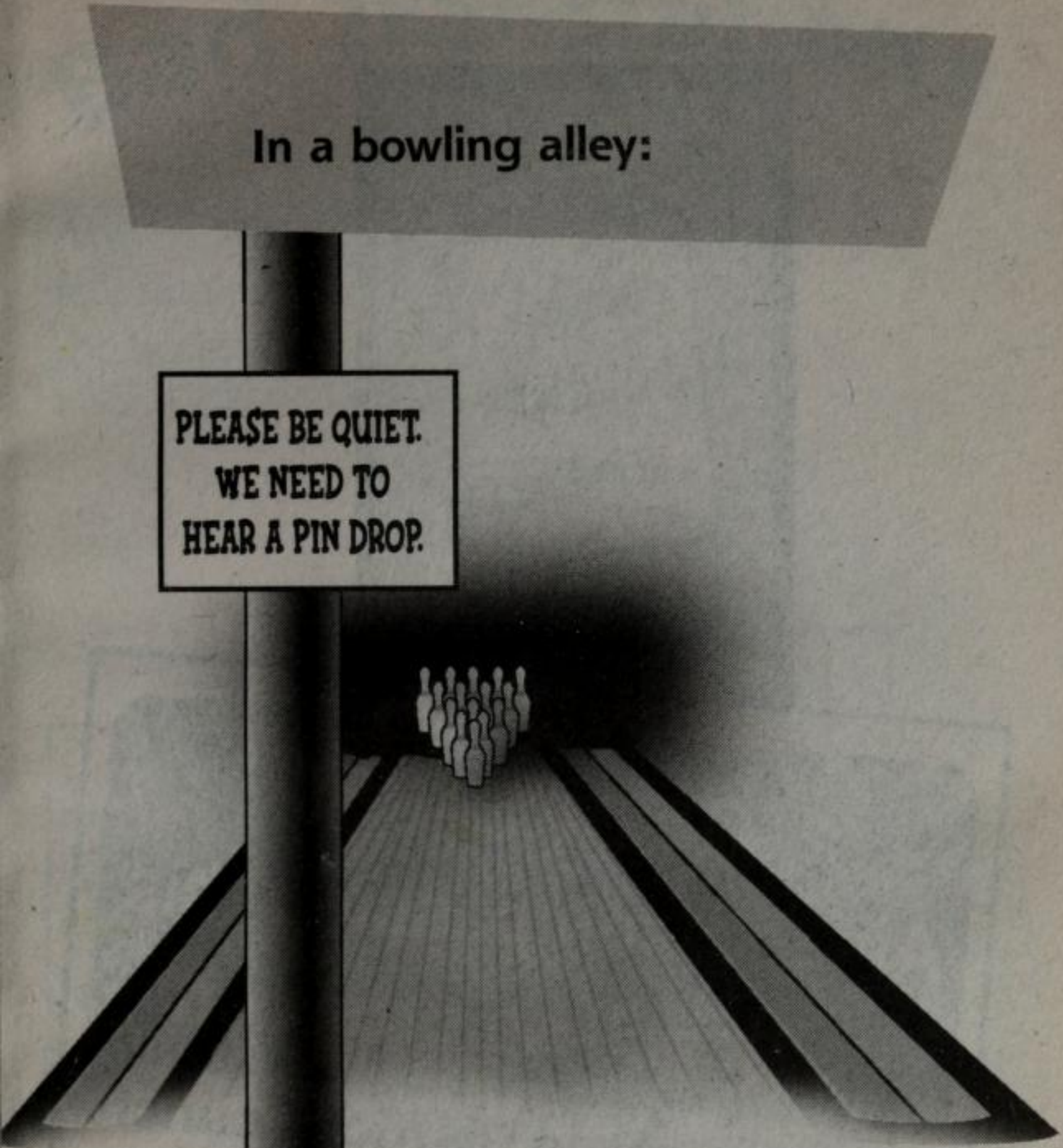
On a roller coaster:

Watch your head.

On an established New Mexico dry cleaning store:

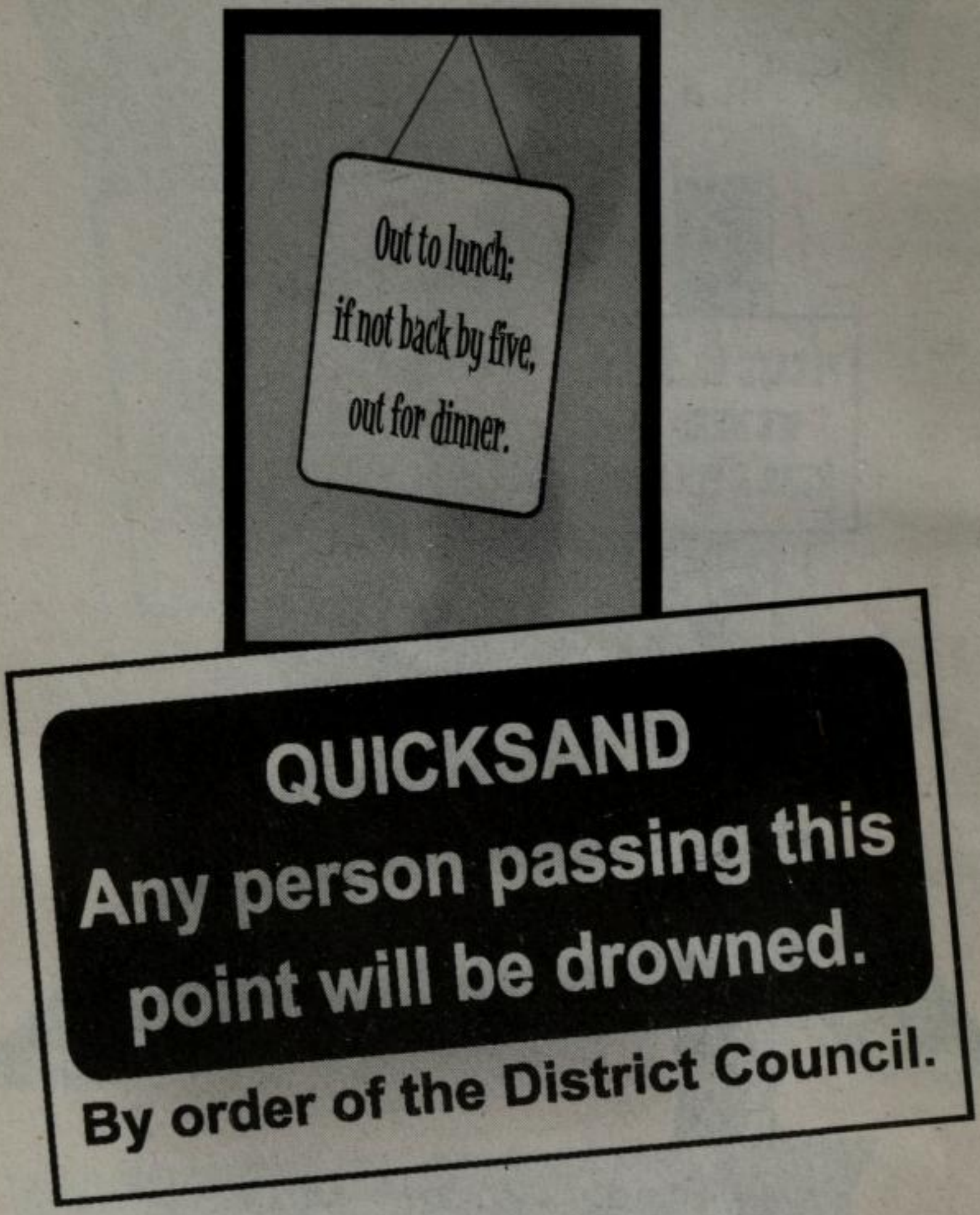
Thirty-eight years on the same spot.

In a bowling alley:



Outside a country shop in West Virginia:

We buy junk and sell antiques.

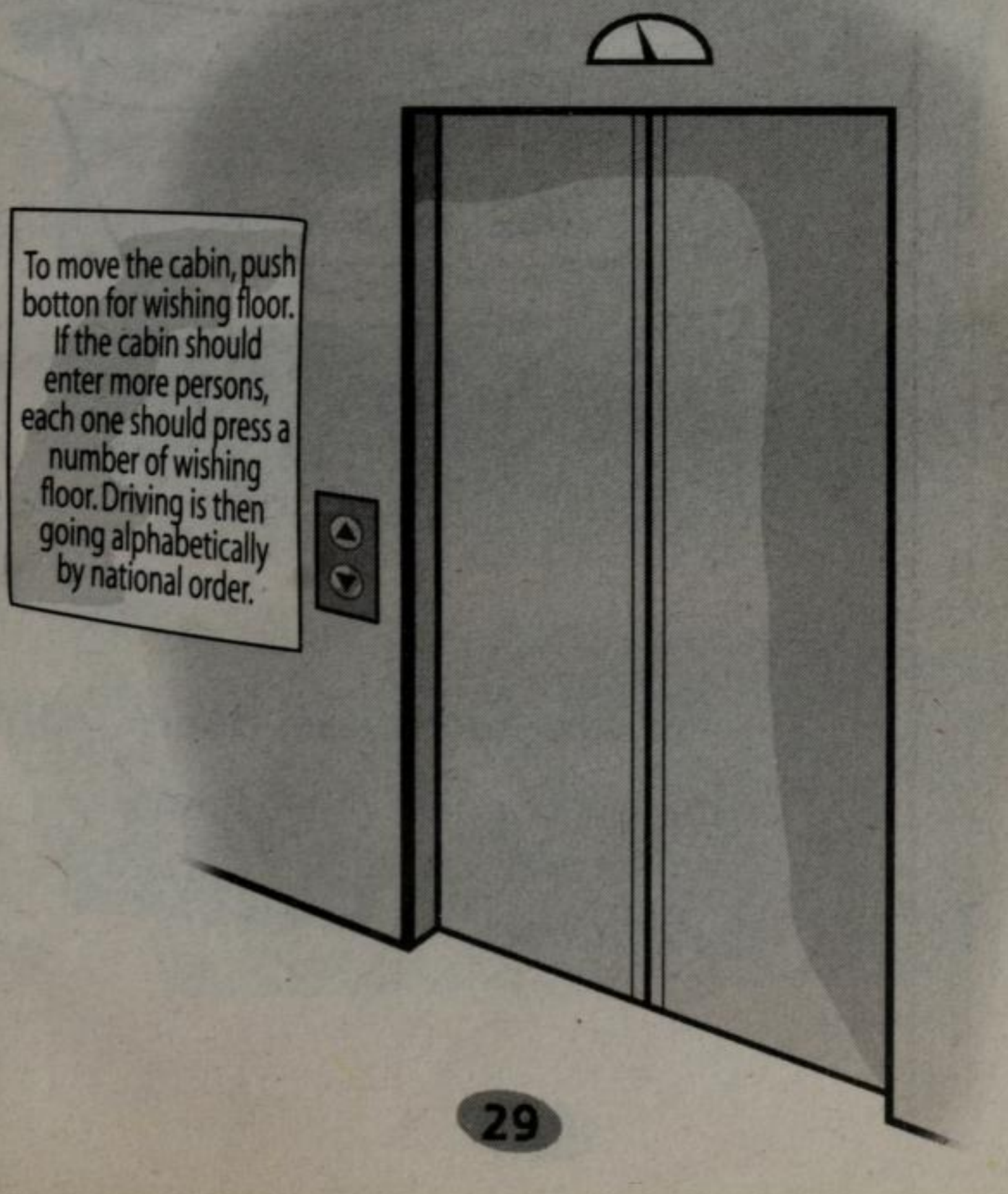

Out to lunch;
if not back by five,
out for dinner.
QUICKSAND
Any person passing this point will be drowned.
By order of the District Council.

Sign at the psychic's business:

Don't call us, we'll call you.

Bad Translations

Athens Hotel: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 daily.


To move the cabin, push botton for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving is then going alphabetically by national order.

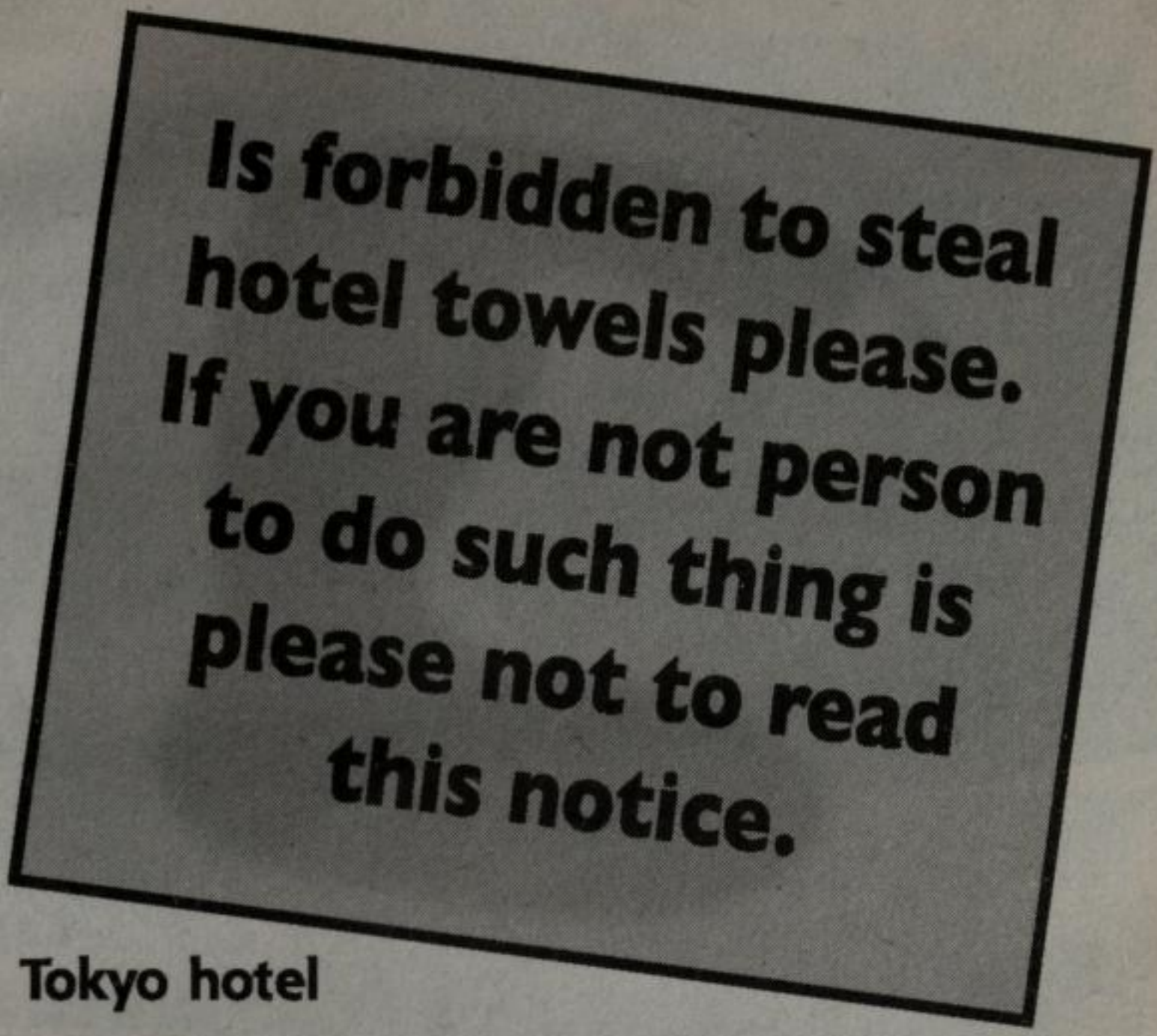
Hong Kong supermarket:

For your convenience, we recommend courageous, efficient self-service.

Japanese hotel room

Moscow hotel room door:

If this is your first visit to Russia, you are welcome to it.



Tokyo hotel

A hair product company introduced the "Mist Stick," a curling iron, in Germany only to find out that "mist" is slang for manure. Not too many people had use for the "manure stick."

When an American baby food company started selling baby food in Africa, they used the same packaging as in the U.S., with a picture of a baby on the label. Later, they learned that in Africa, companies routinely put pictures on the label of what's inside, because most people can't read. People were disgusted that a company would sell ground up baby in a jar.

Pepsi's "Come alive with the Pepsi Generation" translated into "Pepsi brings your ancestors back from the dead," in Chinese.

The name Coca-Cola in China was first rendered as Ke-kou-ke-la. Unfortunately, the Coke company did not discover until after thousands of signs had been printed that the phrase means "bite the wax tadpole" or "female horse stuffed with wax" depending on the dialect. Coke then researched 40,000 Chinese characters and found a close phonetic equivalent, "ko-kou-ko-le," which can be loosely translated as "happiness in the mouth."

Also in Chinese, the Kentucky Fried Chicken slogan "finger-lickin' good" came out as "eat your fingers off."

When General Motors introduced the Chevy Nova in South America, it was apparently unaware that "no va" means "it won't go." The company renamed the car Caribe in its Spanish markets.

CLASSIFIED ADS

1985 Camaro red.
68,000 miles, runs good, needs motor.

FOR SALE
One pair hardly used dentures, only 2 teeth missing. $100

Men wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be able to travel.

Turkey for sale.
Only partially eaten. Only 8 days old. Both drumsticks still intact. $23

Wanted: Somebody to go back in time with. This is not a joke. You will get paid when get back.

Main Street Pizza.
We deliver or pick up.

Dinner Special—
Turkey $2.35;
Chicken or Beef $2.25;
Children $2.00

Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home, too.

Housing two bedroom sublease, nice area, BARGAIN rent. Drawback: big hairy spiders drop off ceiling at night.

Stock up and save. Limit one.

Get rid of aunts: Zap does the job in 24 hours.

Two-pound Lab puppies. Call and leave mess.

Wanted: Free furniture, bedding, kitchen table, color TV, etc.

Three-year-old teacher needed
for preschool. Experience preferred.

For Sale: Parachute,
never opened, used once.

Tired of working for only
$9.25 an hour? We offer full
benefits and flexible hours.
Starting pay anywhere from
$7 to $9 per hour.

Found:
Scraggly white dog, looks like a rat.
There better be a reward.

Eight-year-old German Shorthaired Pointer.
Has all shots, speaks German, free.

Free dog. Eats anything,
and is fond of children

Queen-sized mattress.
Like new. Ten-year warranty,
minor urine smell.

Debbie's Hair Salon:
If we can't make you look
good, you're UGLY!

Illiterate? Write today for free help.

For Sale: One used tombstone. Perfect for anyone named Michael Smith.

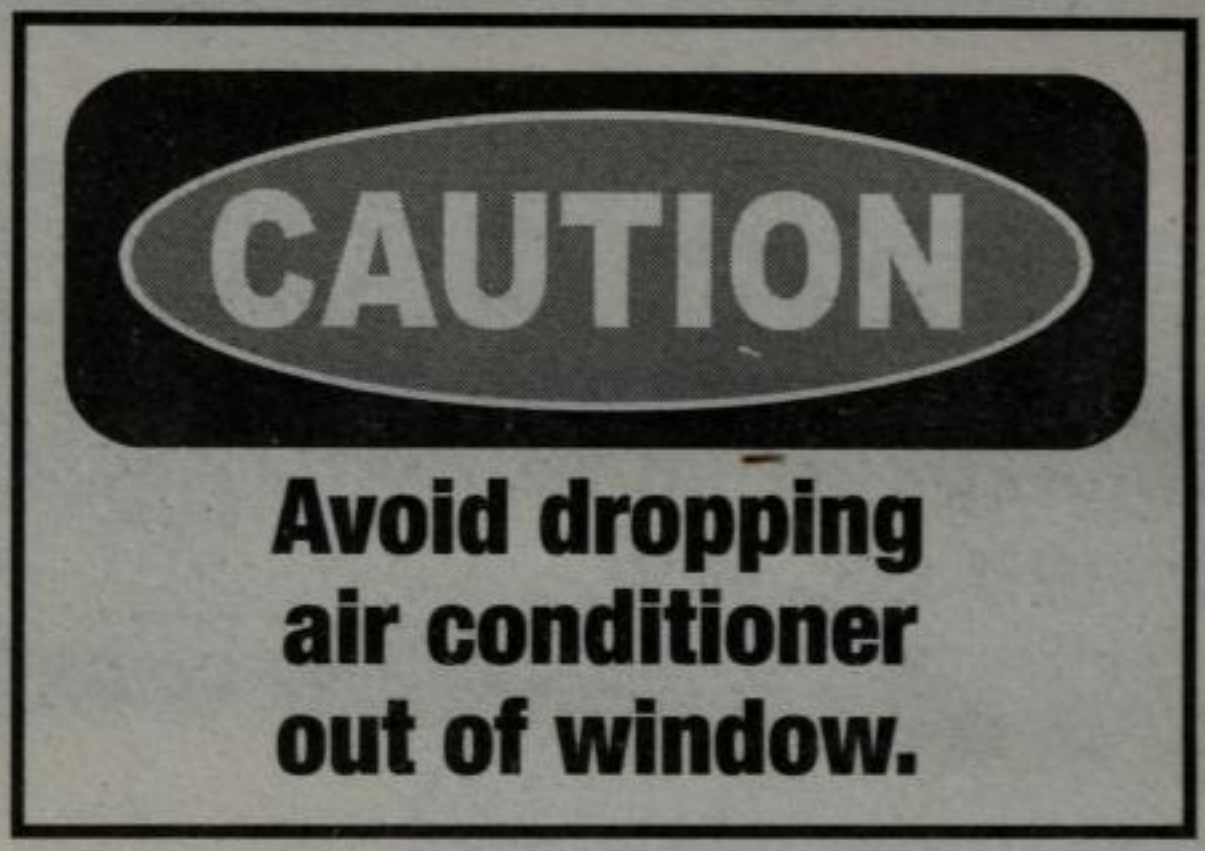
TICKLE ME ELMO, STILL IN BOX, COMES WITH ITS OWN 1988 MUSTANG, 5L, AUTO, EXCELLENT CONDITION $6800

For Sale: 16-volume encyclopedias, not needed anymore because I know everything.

SNOW BLOWER FOR SALE... ONLY USED ON SNOWY DAYS.

Product Warnings

Air Conditioner



Blow Dryer

Iron

WARNING

Never iron clothes on the body.

Vacuum Cleaner

WARNING

1. Do not use to pick up gasoline or flammable liquids.
2. Do not use to pick up anything that is currently burning.

Life Saving Device

WARNING

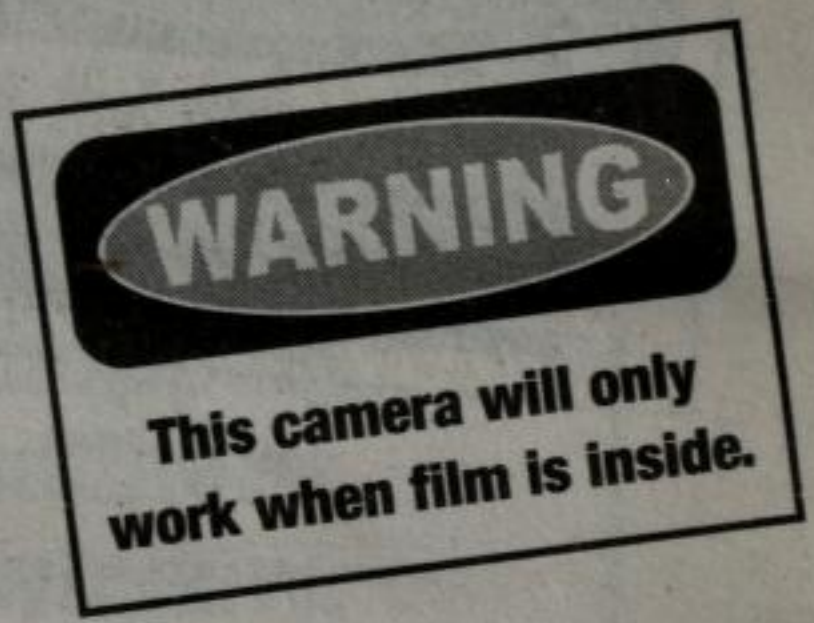
This is NOT a life saving device!!!

Can of Soda

WARNING

Contents under pressure. Cap may blow off causing eye or other serious injury. Point away from face and people, especially when opening.

Child-Sized Superman Costume



Camera

Video Game Instruction Manual

Toilet Cleaner

WARNING

Safe to use around pets and children, although it is not recommended that either be permitted to drink from toilet.

Window Cleaner

WARNING

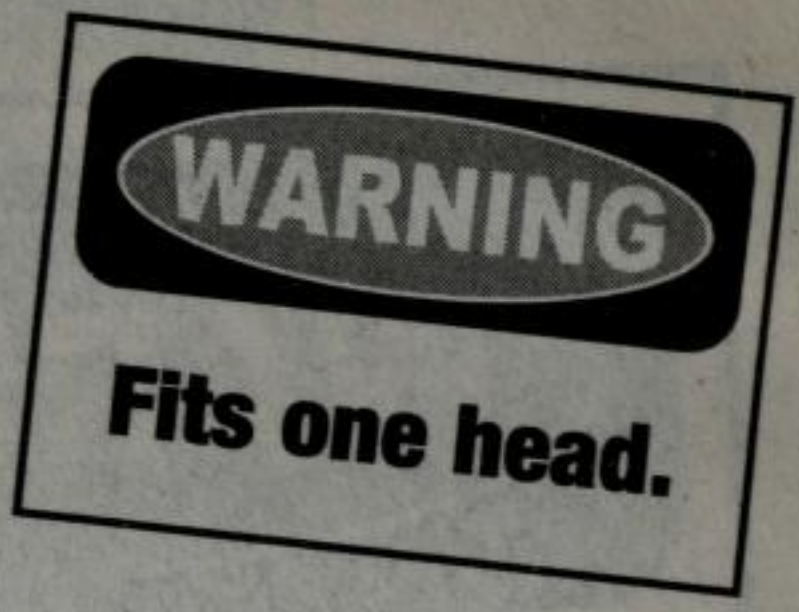
Do not spray in eyes.

On a Bar of Soap

WARNING

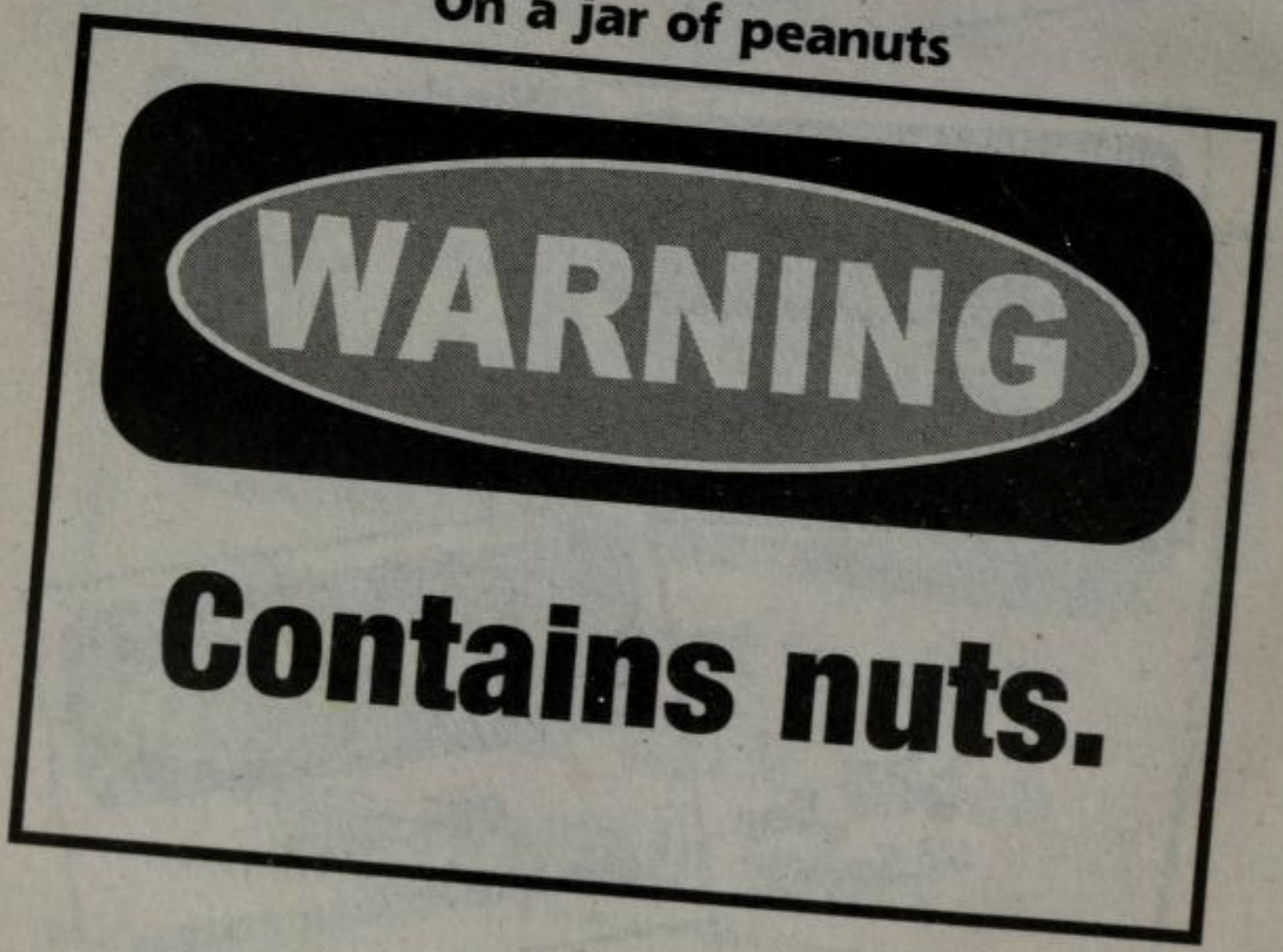
Directions: Use like regular soap.

On a hotel-provided shower cap



String of Christmas Lights

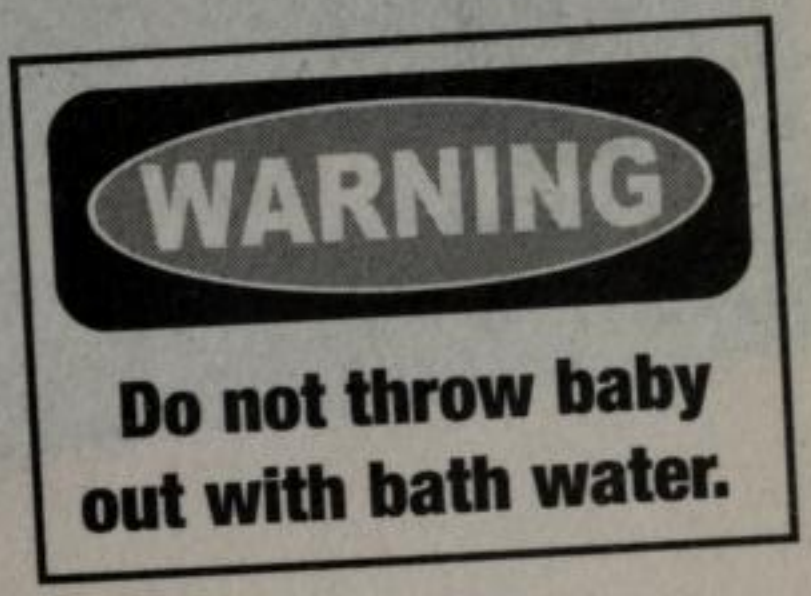
On a jar of peanuts



Bottle of Shampoo

On a Blanket

Infant's Bathtub



WARNING

This product contains small granules under 3 millimeters. Not suitable for children under the age of 14 years in Europe or 8 years in the USA.

Packet of Juggling Balls

Can of Insect Spray

WARNING

This spray is harmful to bees.

Wheelbarrow

WARNING

Do not use when temperature exceeds 140° Farenheit.

Crazy Bumper Stickers

Buckle up! It makes it harder for the aliens to suck you from your car.

So, when's the wizard going to get back to you about that brain?

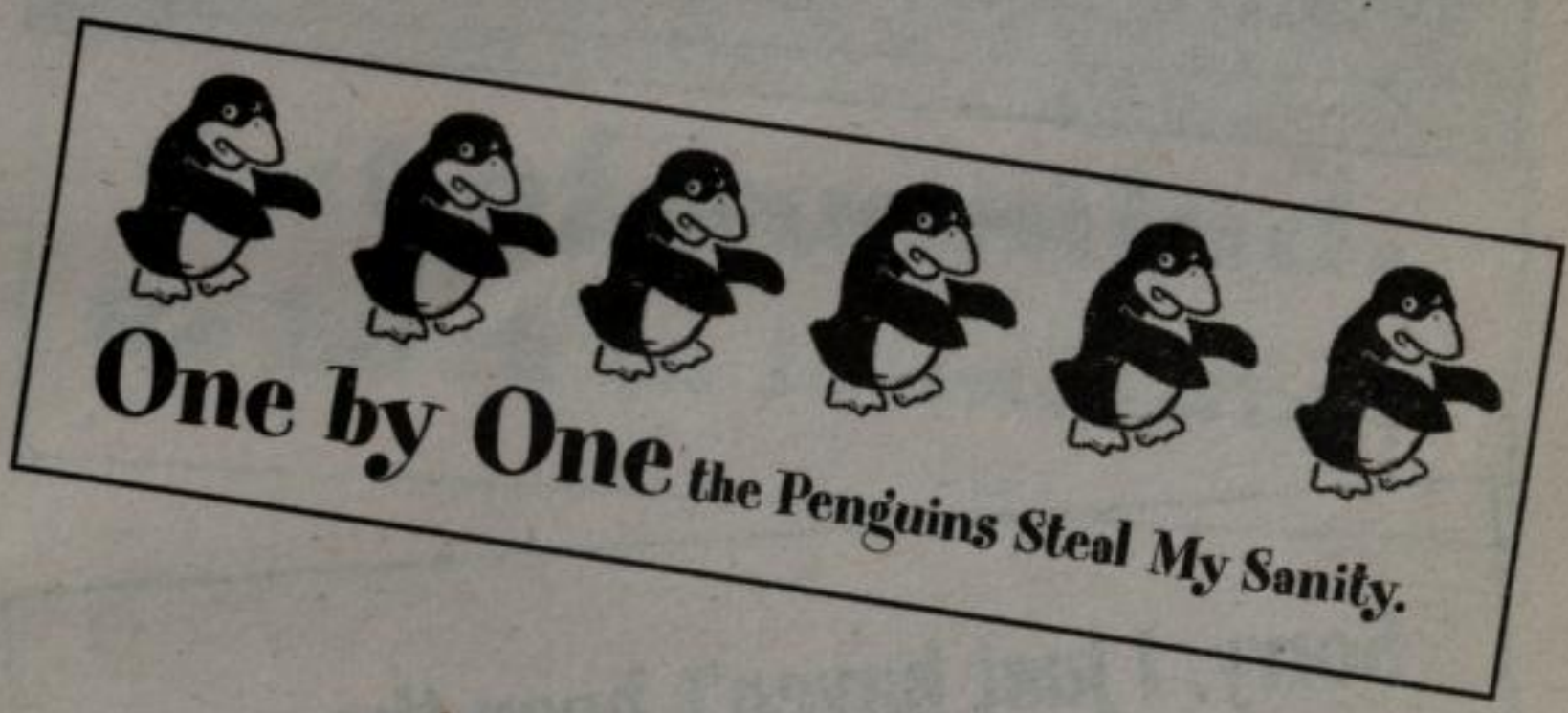
Don't eat the yellow snow!

Never
kick a fresh turd on a hot day.

Don't make me get *my*
flying monkeys!

Be kind to animals.
Hug a hockey player.

Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons.
For you are crunchy and good with ketchup.



One by One the Penguins Steal My Sanity.

I drive the speed limit.
If you don't like it, call a cop!

Cats are dogs
with a college education.

Sorry, I just haven't been the same since that house fell on my sister.

Honk if you're illiterate

Out of my mind.
Be back in 15 minutes.

CELEBRATE
WHIRLED PEAS

Take your time, *but hurry.*

I love kids, but I can't eat a whole one.

HIRE TEENAGERS WHILE THEY STILL KNOW EVERYTHING!

If I roll up my windows and lock the doors,
it's because you smell bad.

Change is inevitable...
Except for vending machines.

Of course you're faster,
but I'm driving in front of you.

If you can't stop when I do, smile as you go under!

Bright red meat is good for you,
Fuzzy green meat is not good for you.

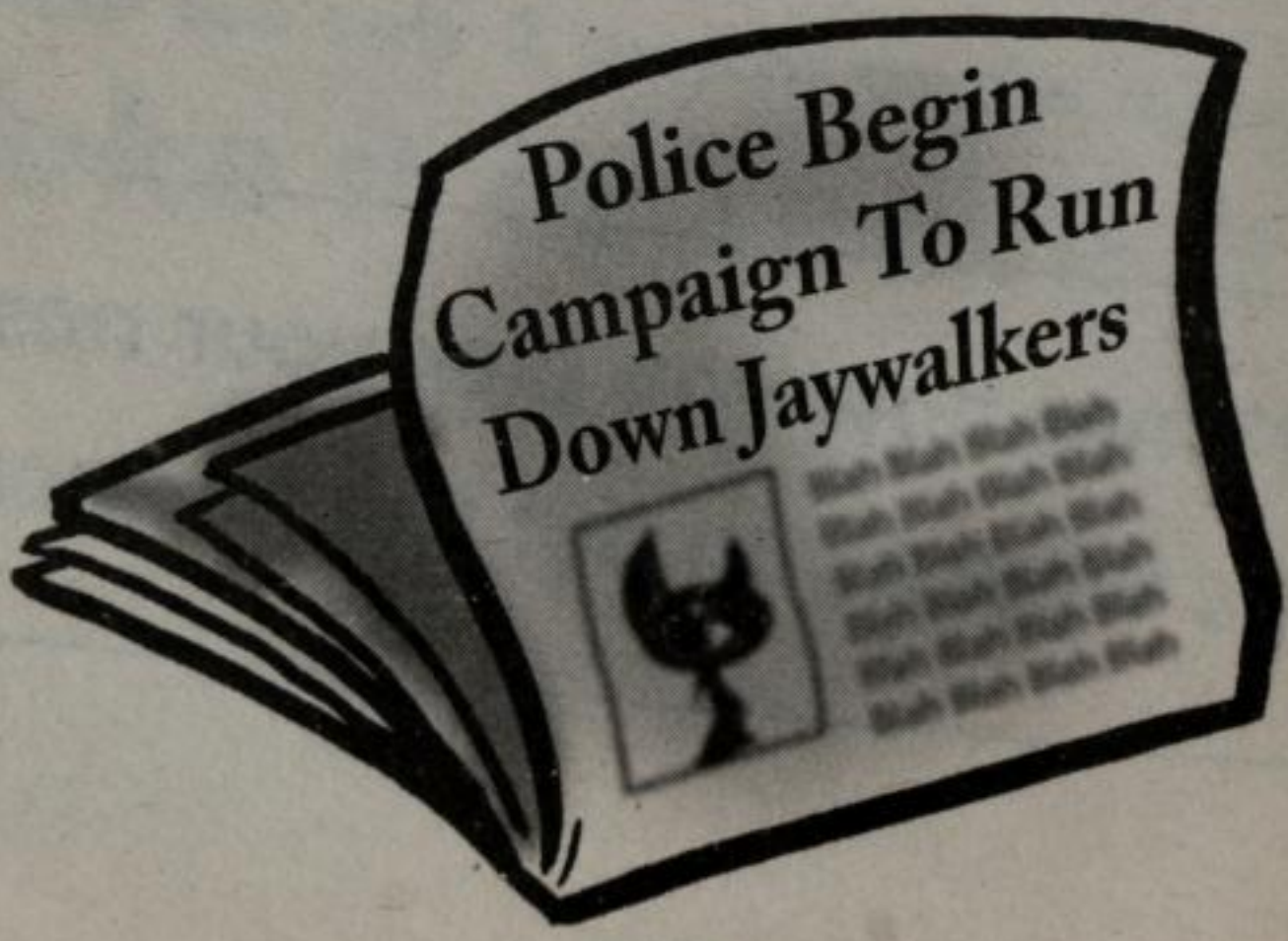
There are only 2 choices on the menu:
Take it or Leave it.

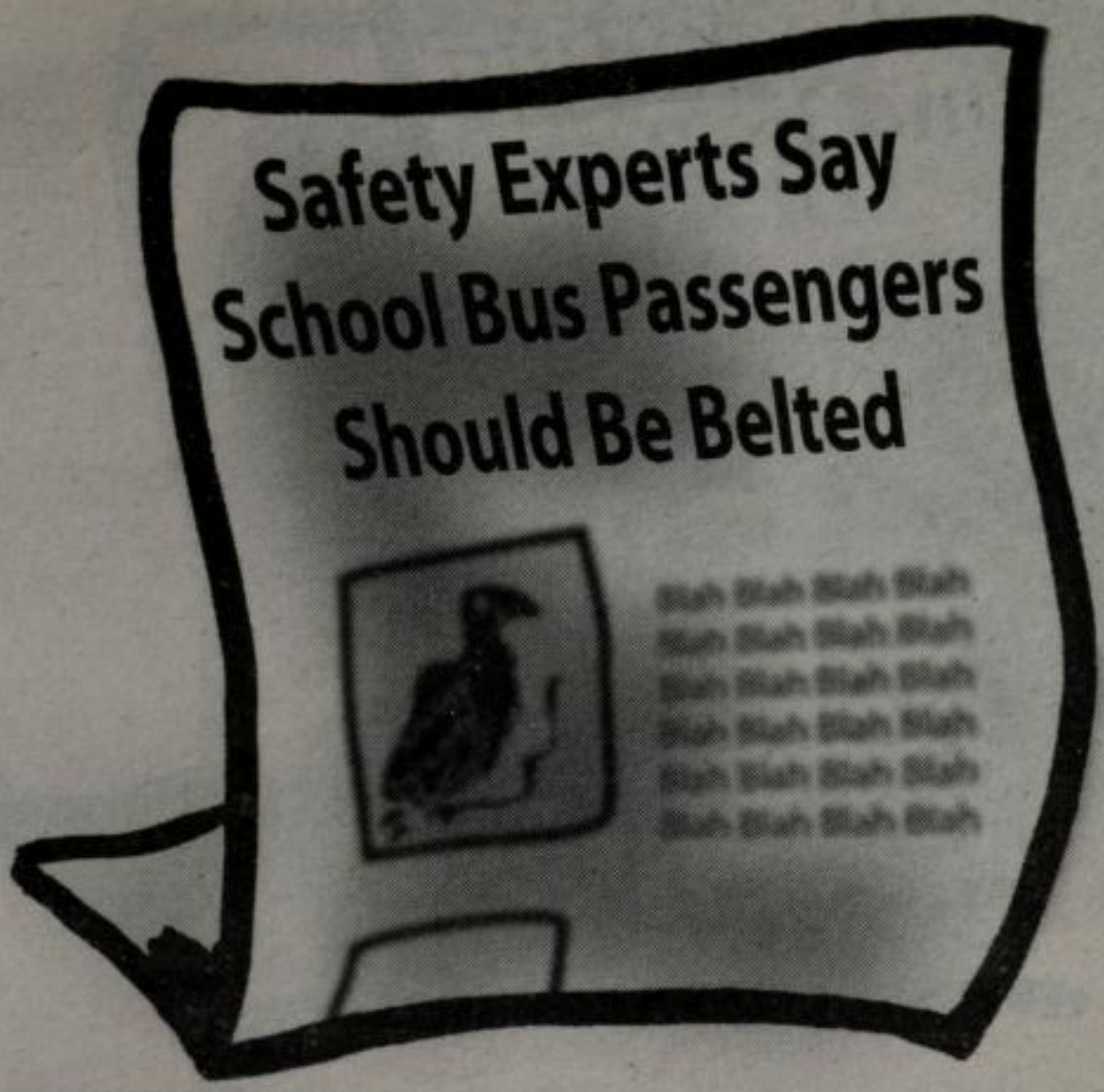
Is that your head or did your neck throw up?

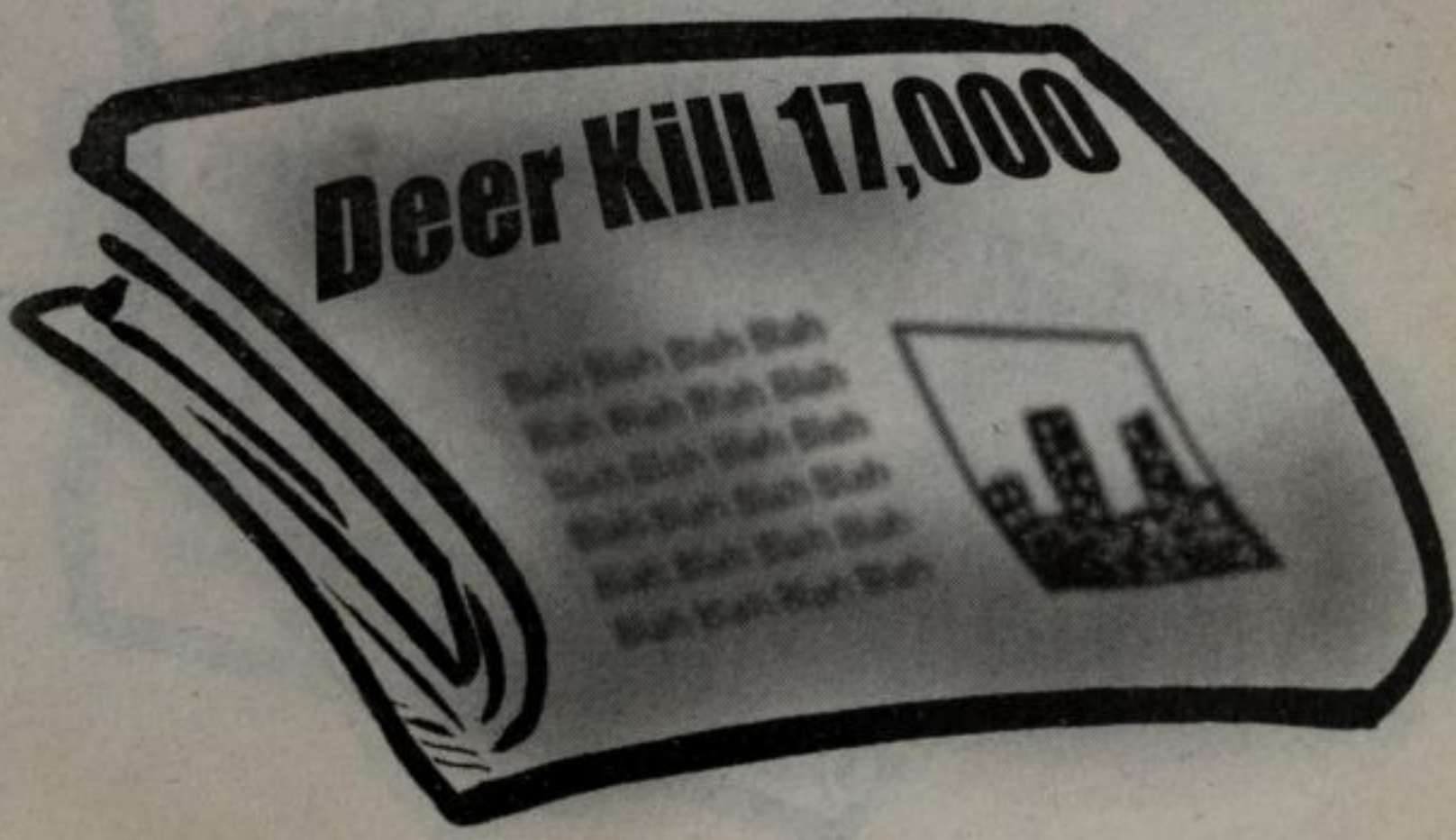
Car will explode upon impact

It's not how you pick your nose,
it's where you put the boogers.

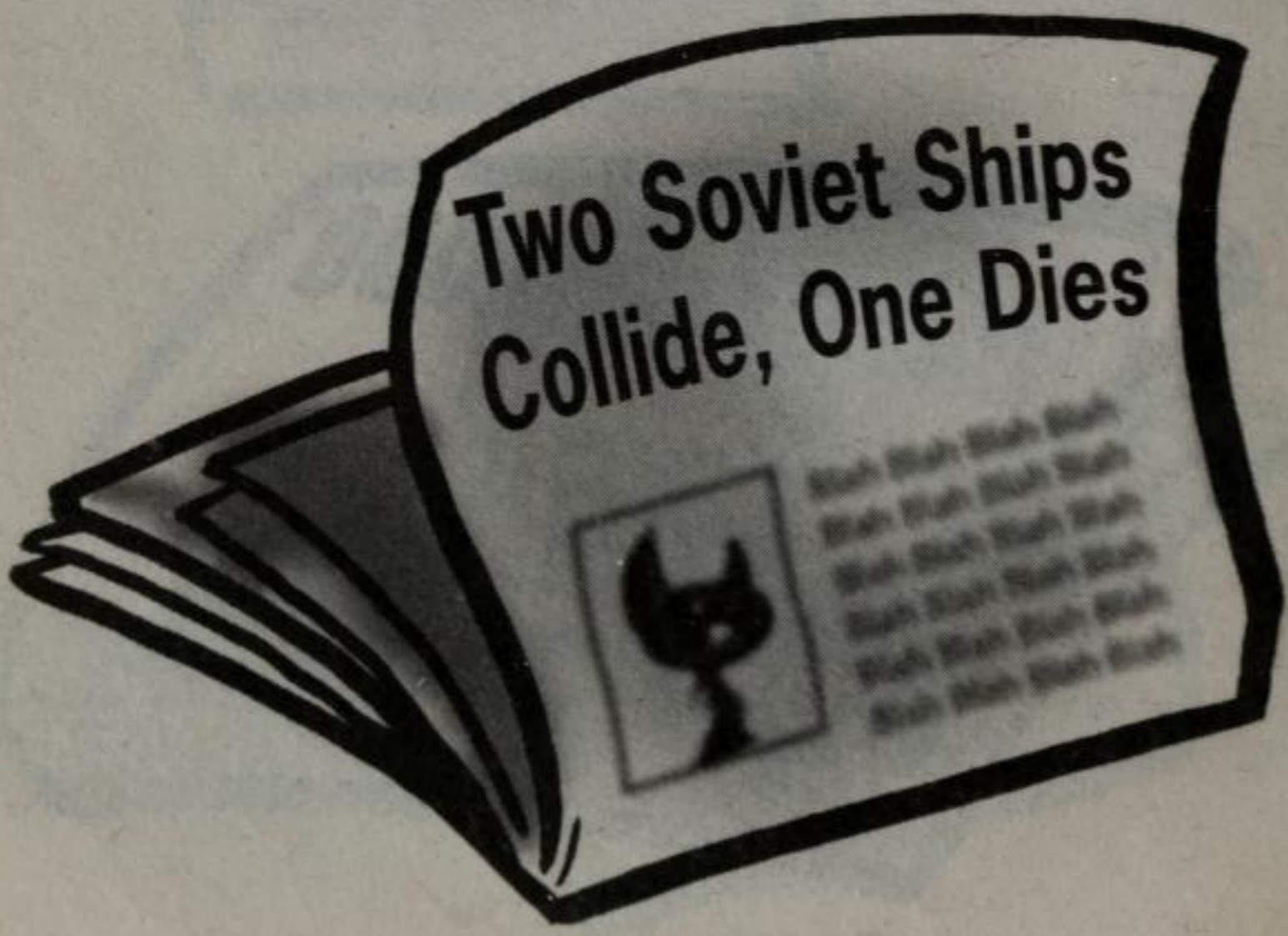
Newspaper Headlines

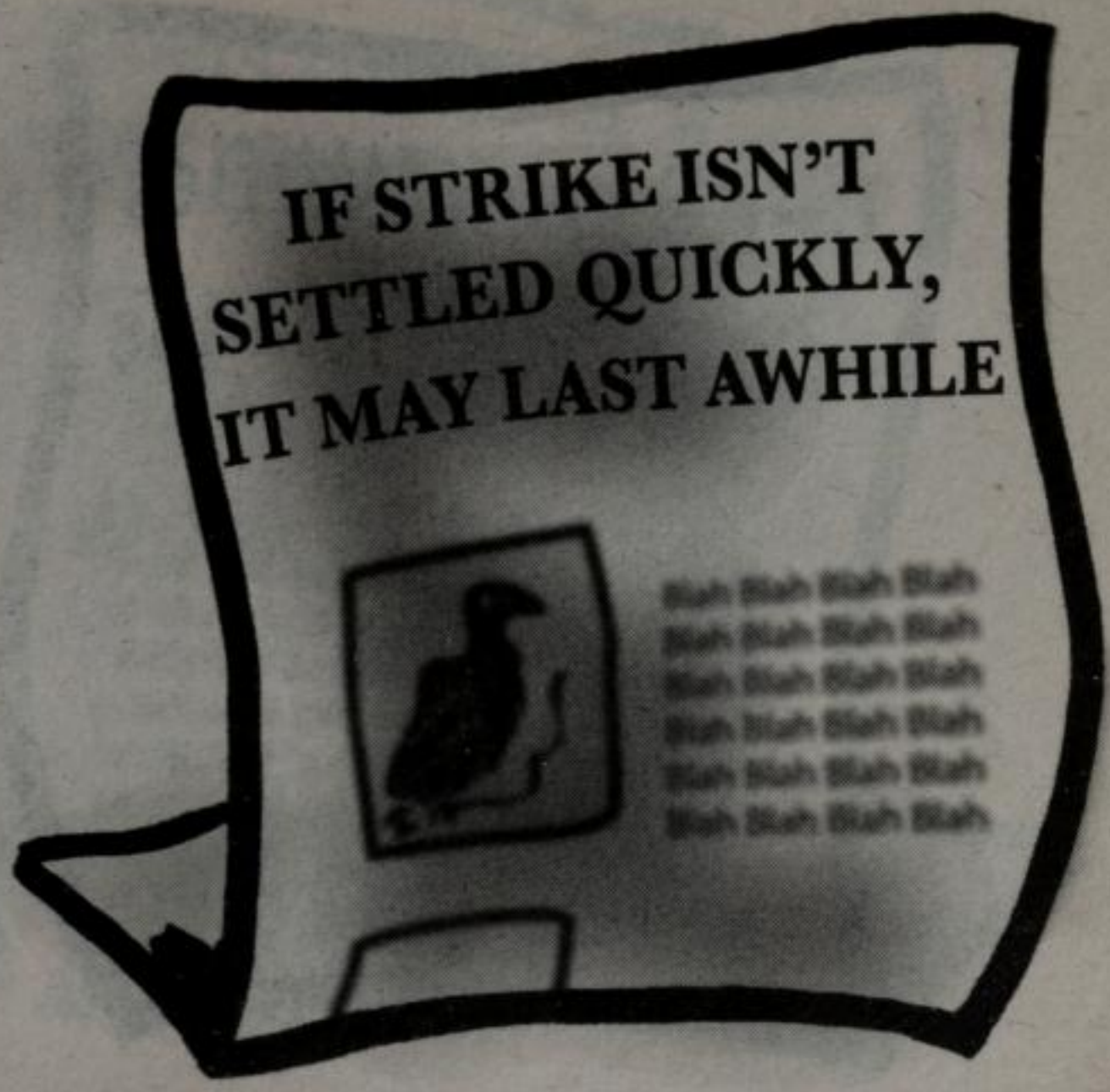



Safety Experts Say
School Bus Passengers
Should Be Belted


Deer Kill 17,000

Stolen Painting Found by Tree


Two Soviet Ships Collide, One Dies


IF STRIKE ISN'T SETTLED QUICKLY, IT MAY LAST AWHILE
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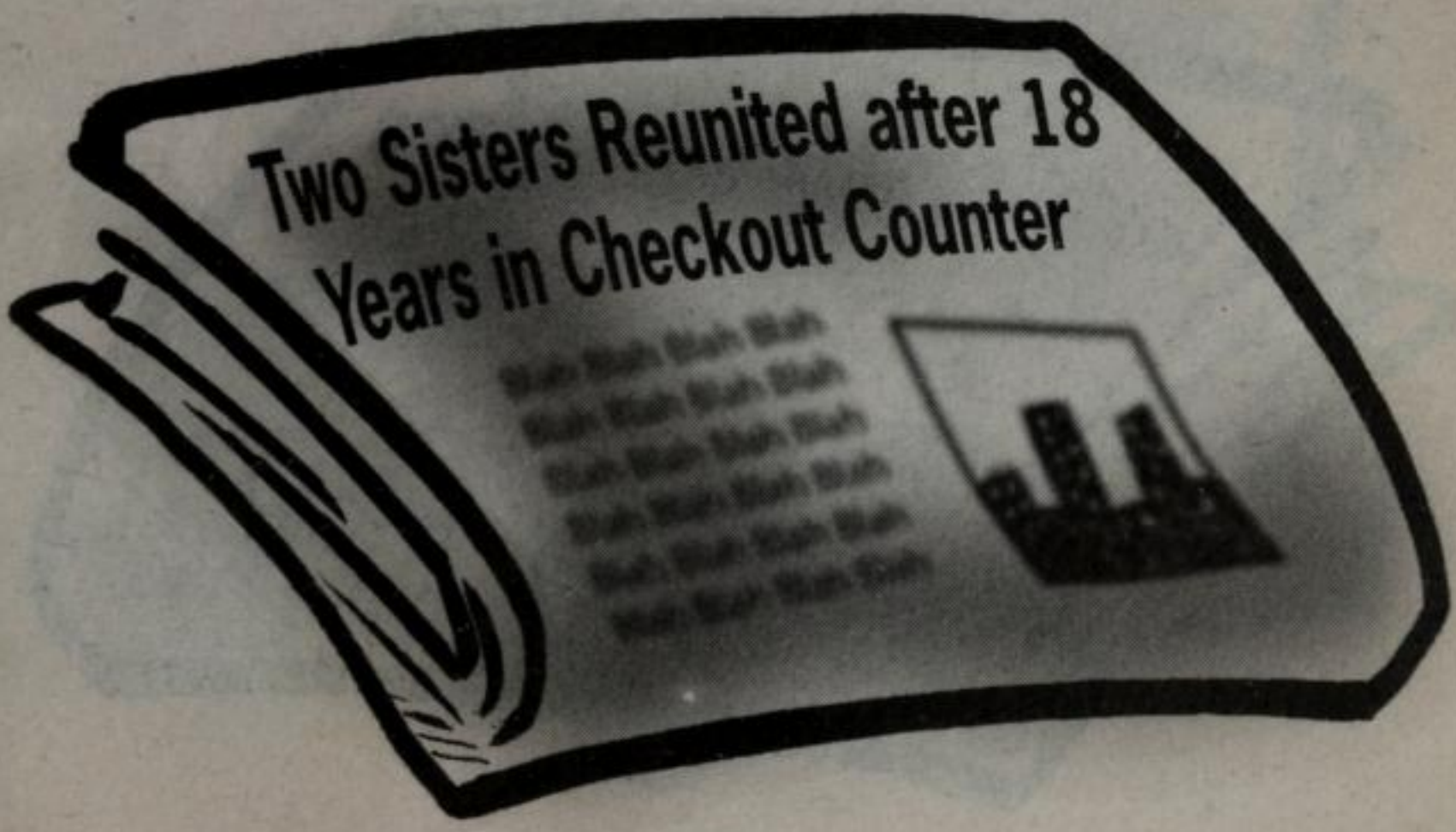
Two Sisters Reunited after 18 Years in Checkout Counter

British Left Waffles
on Falkland Islands
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Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
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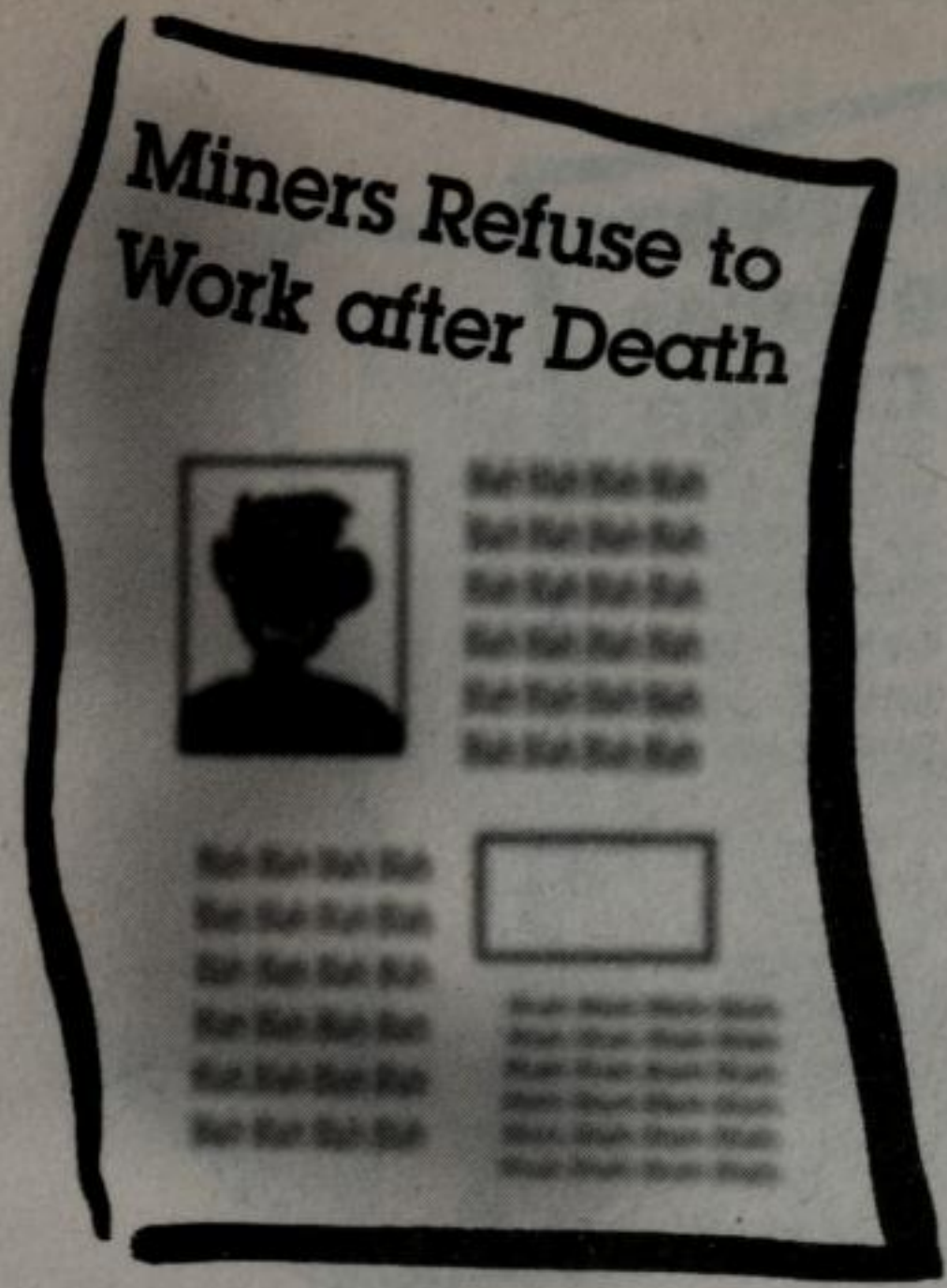
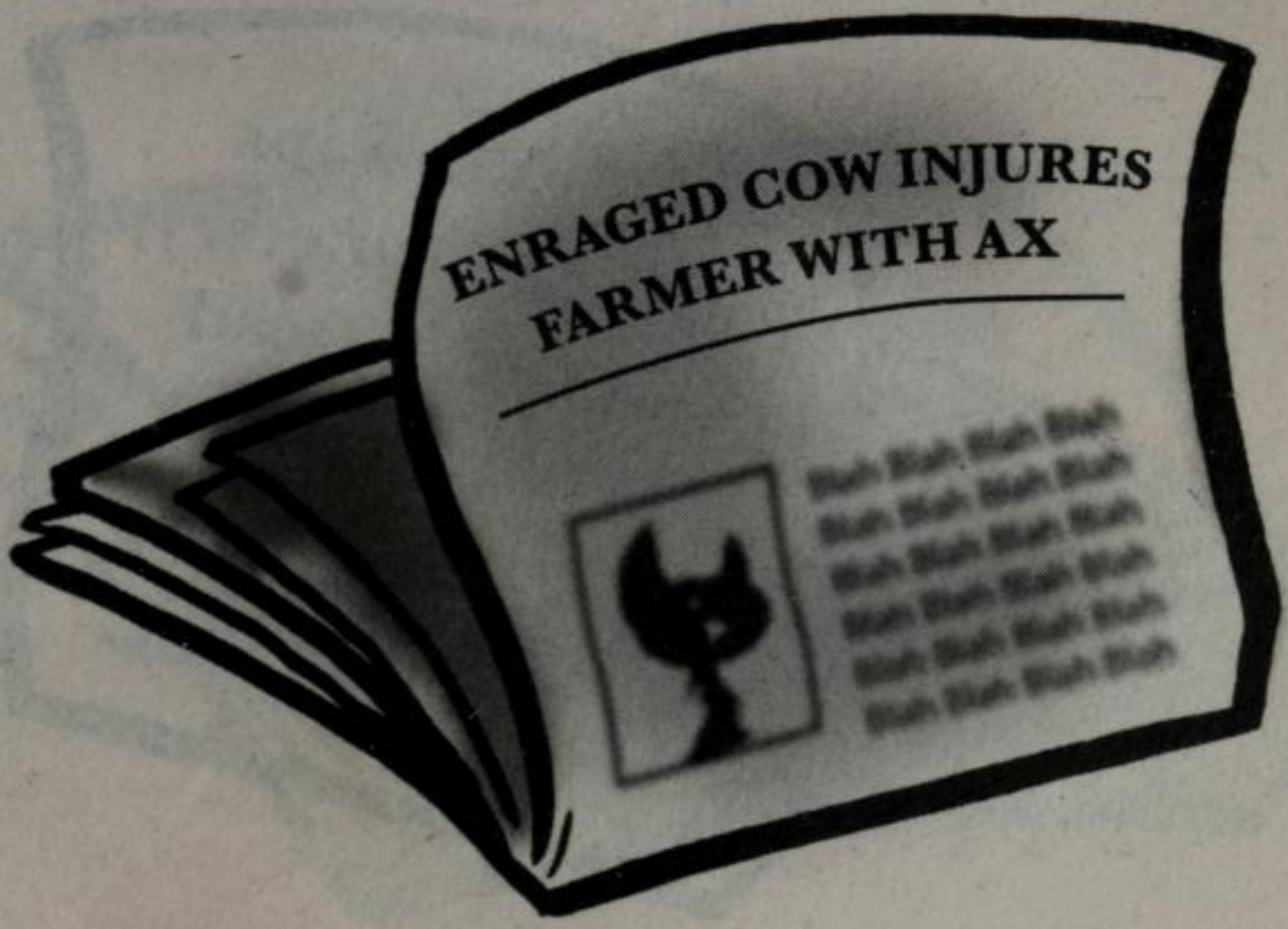
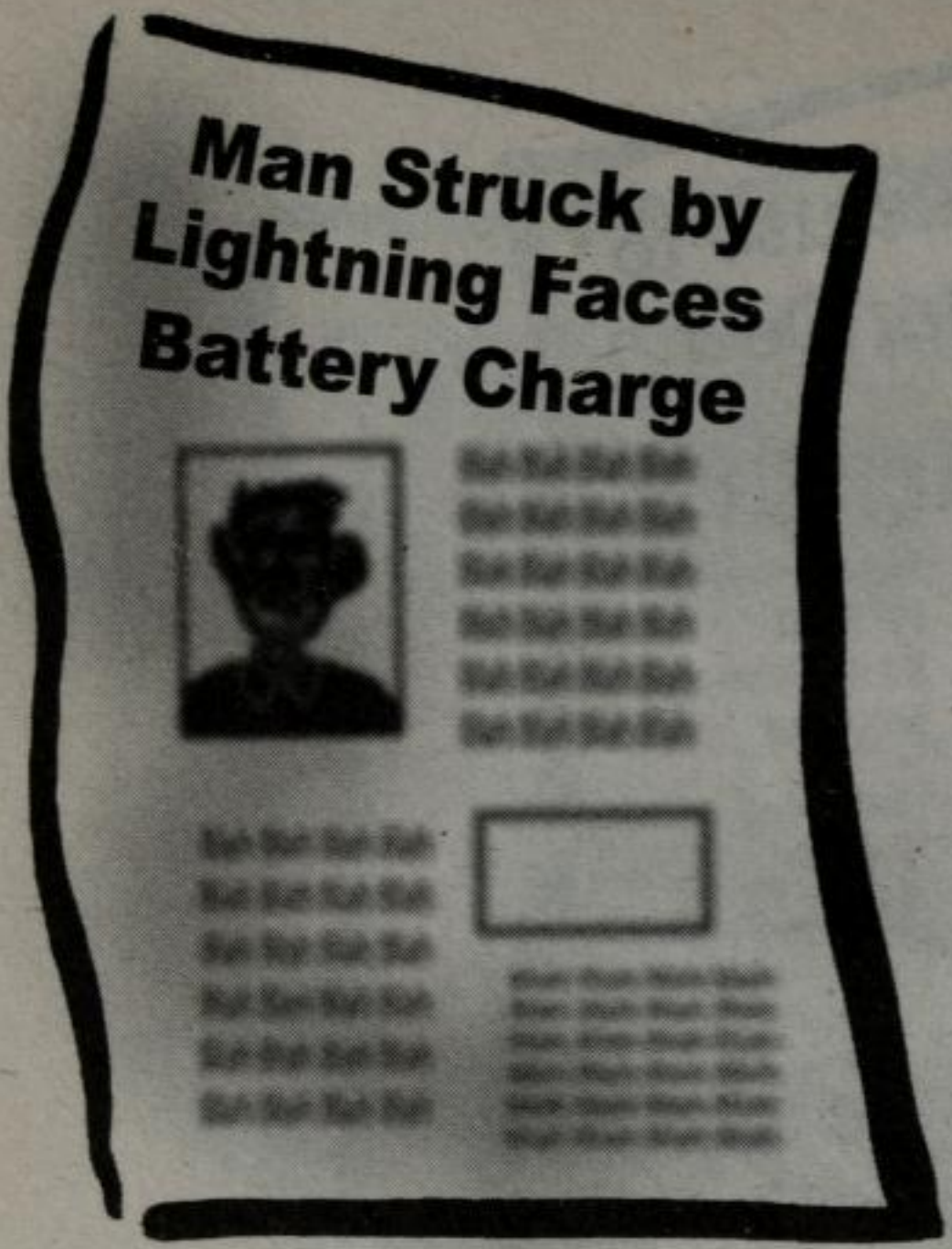
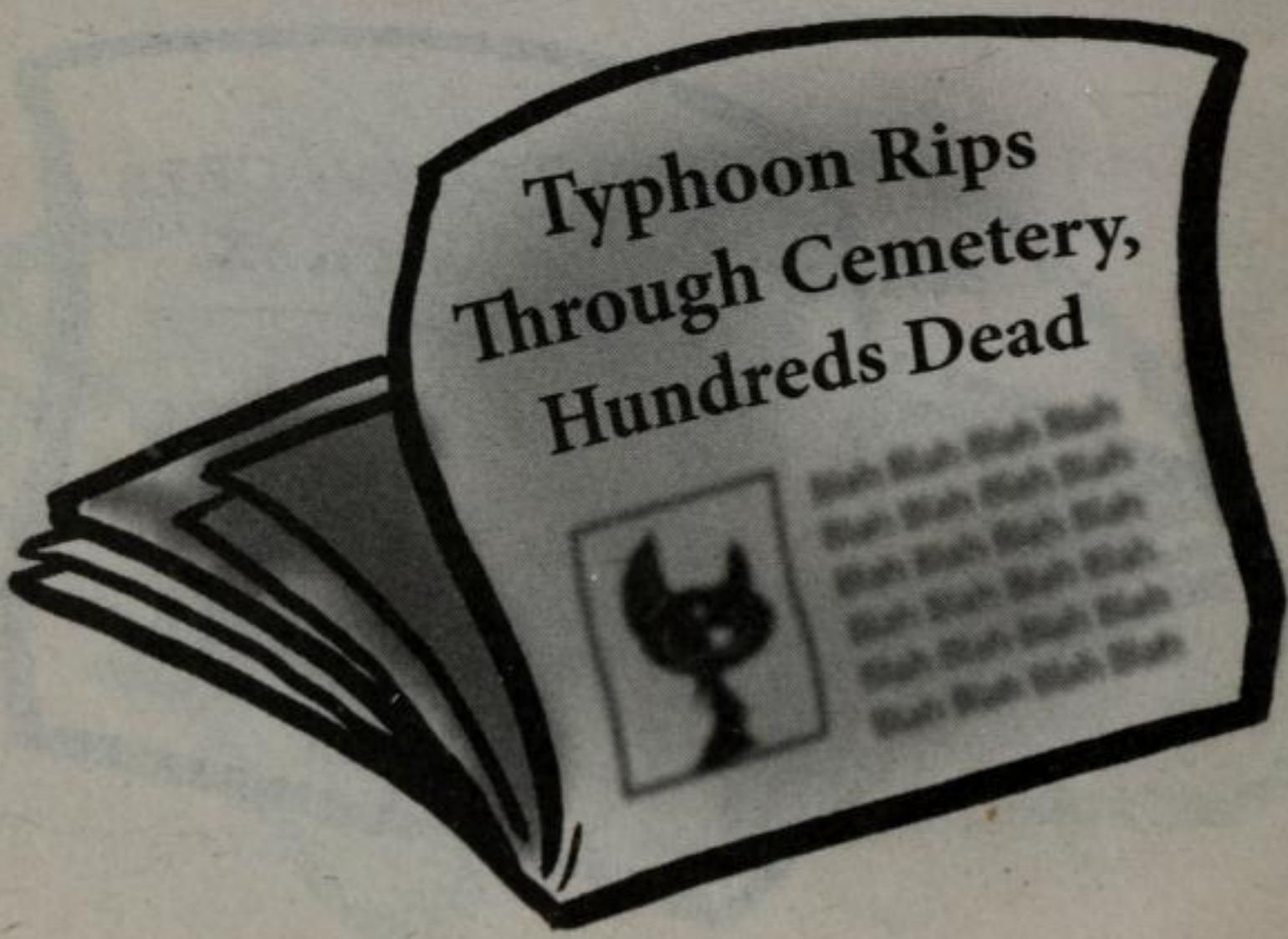
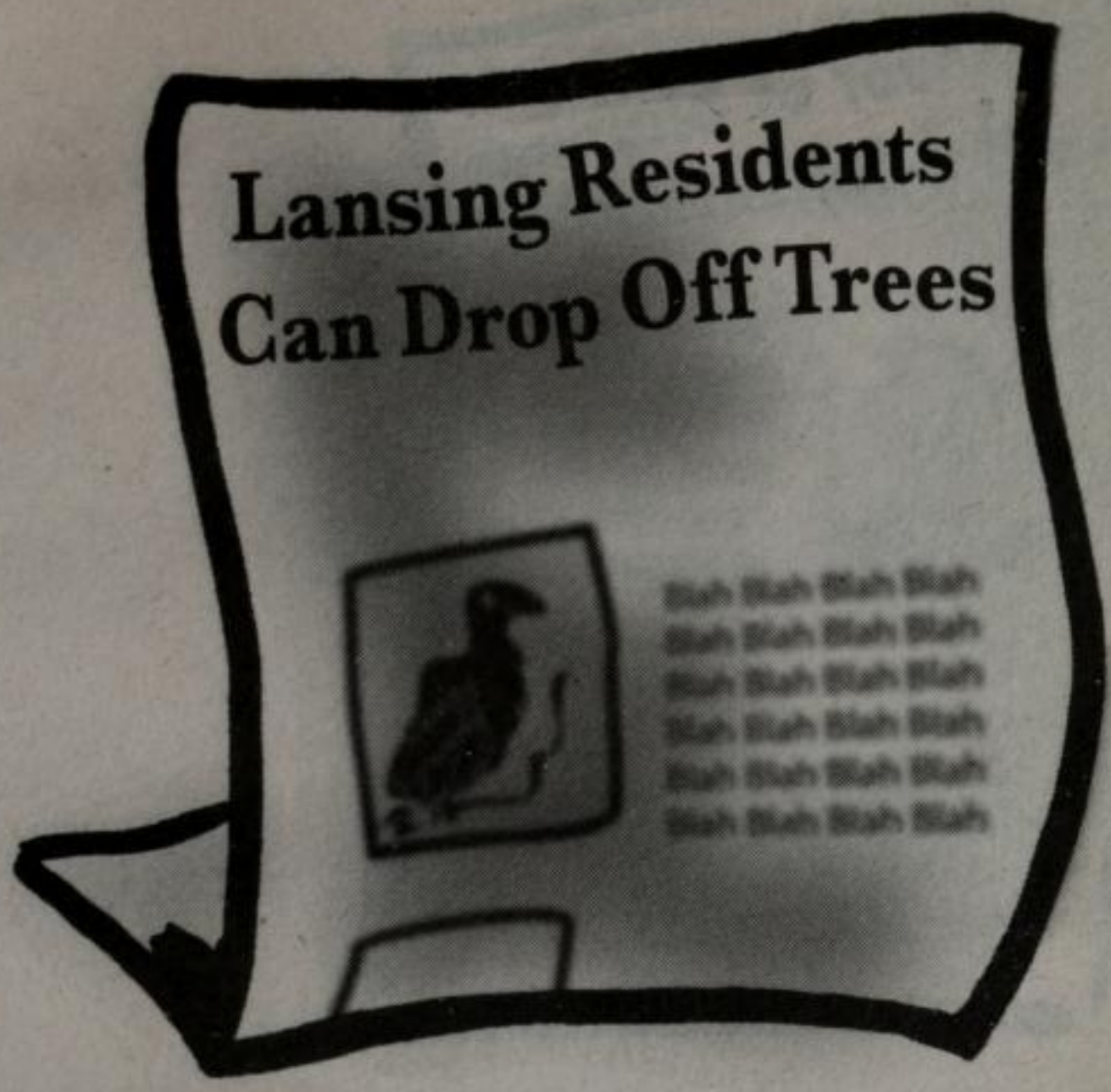

Miners Refuse to Work after Death


ENRAGED COW INJURES FARMER WITH AX


Man Struck by Lightning Faces Battery Charge


Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery, Hundreds Dead


Lansing Residents
Can Drop Off Trees
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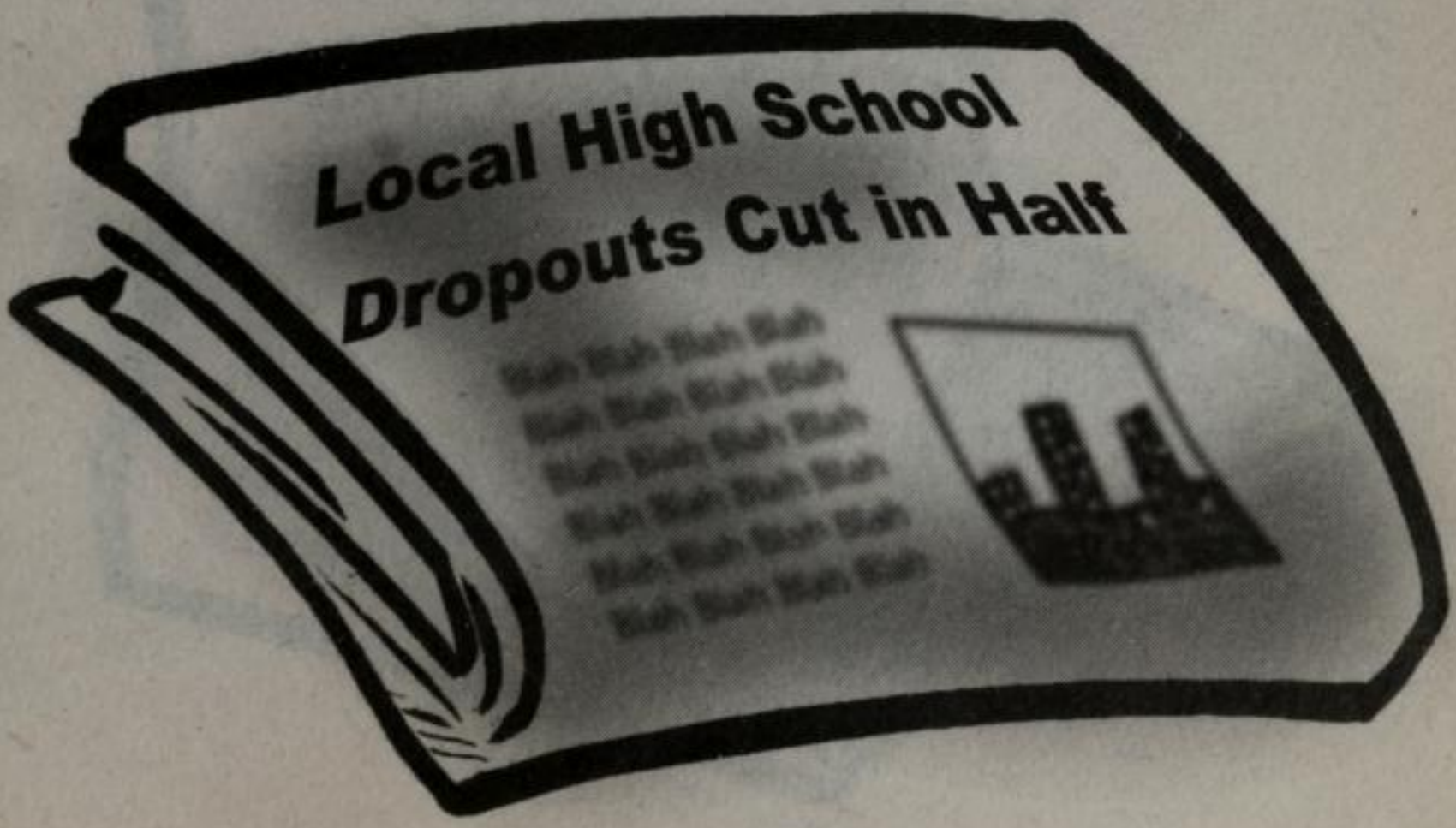
Local High School
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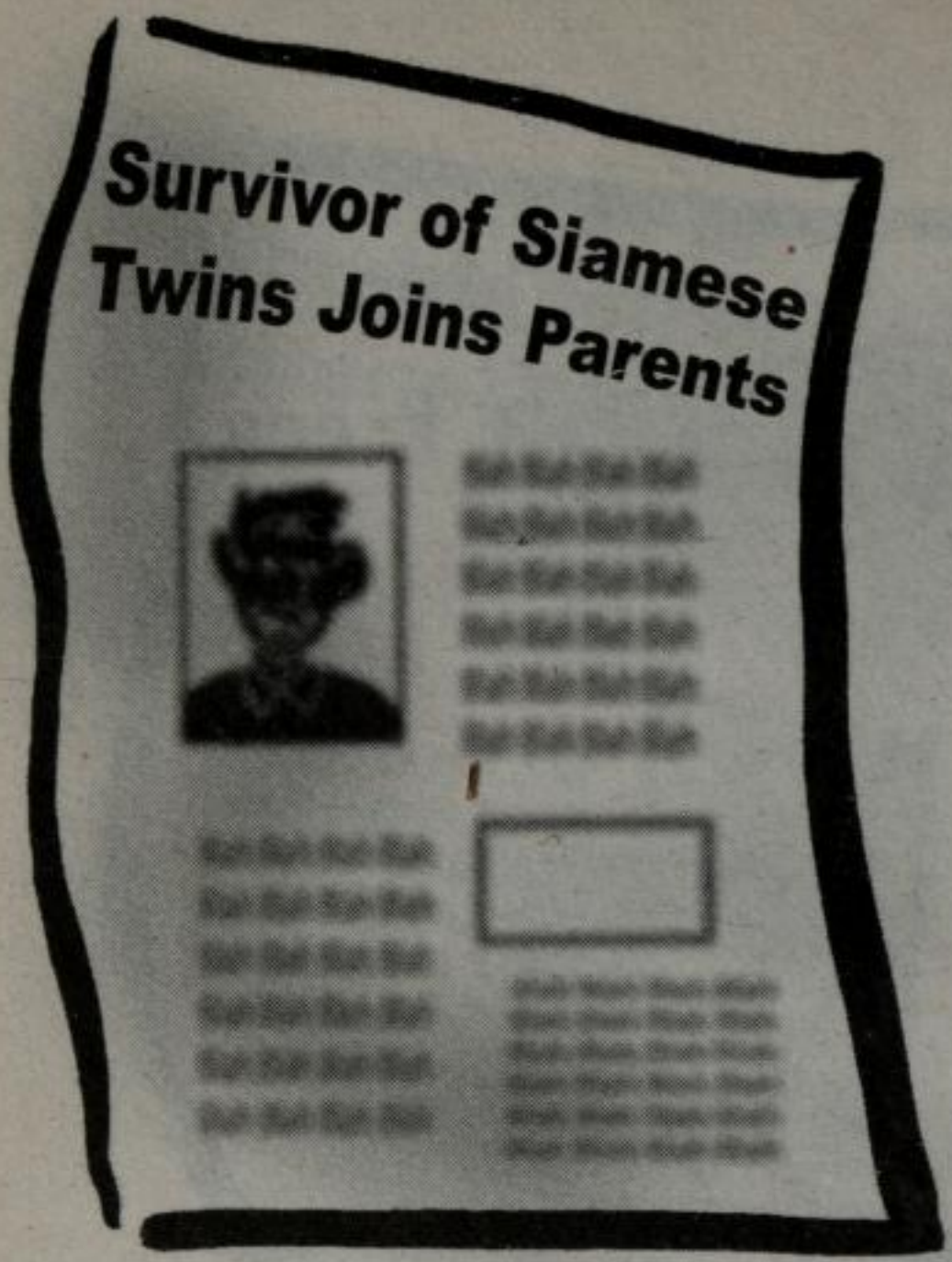
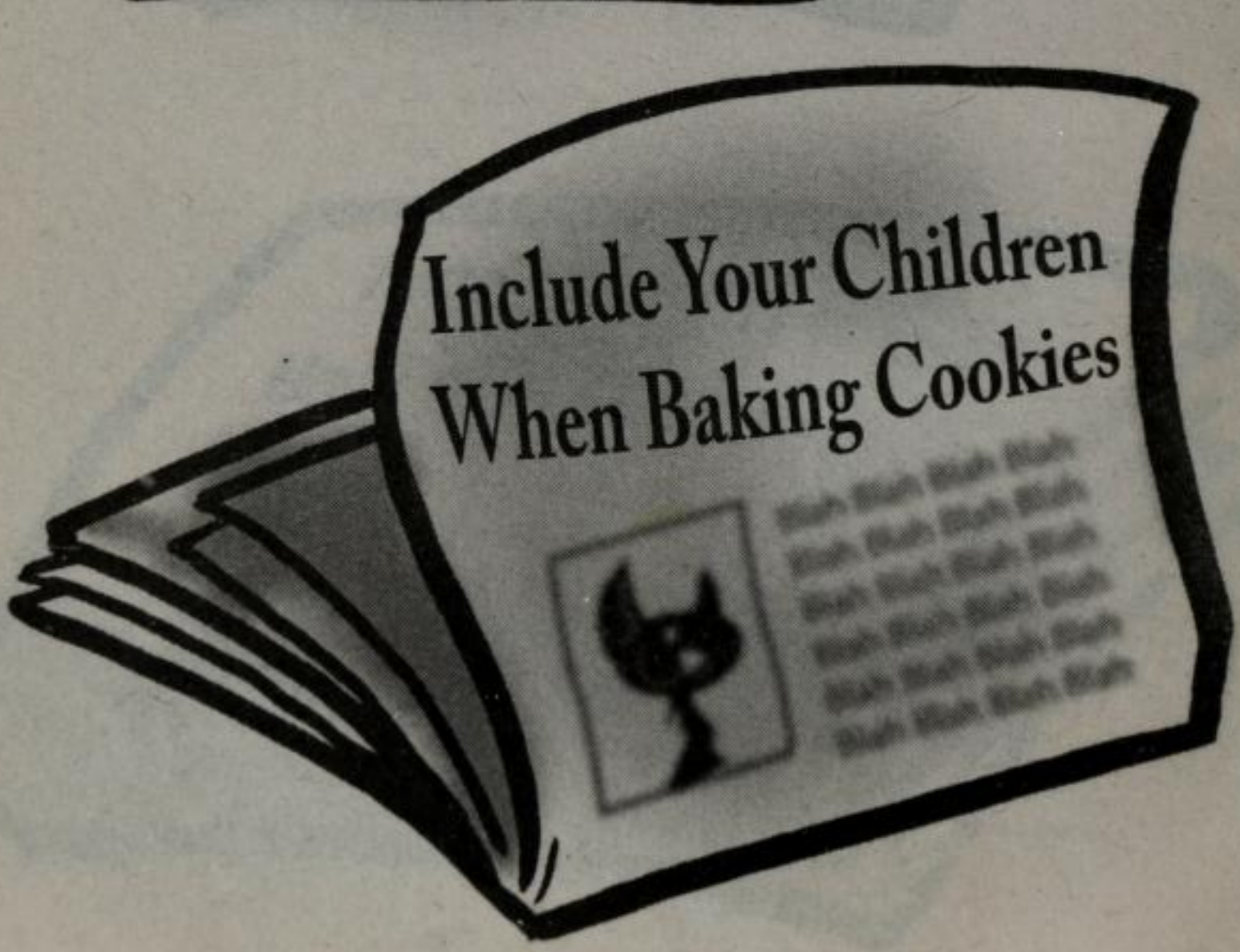
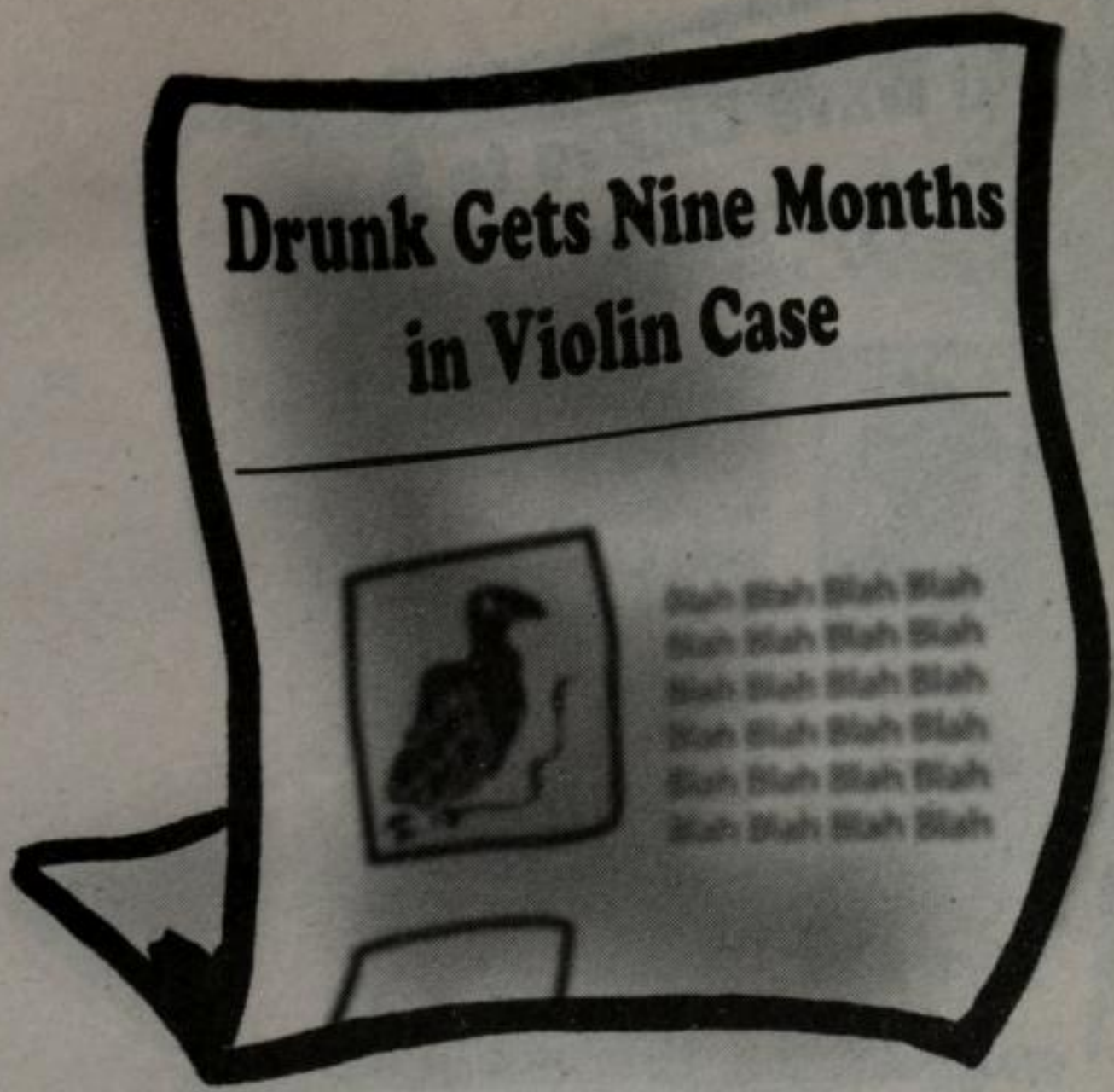

Survivor of Siamese Twins Joins Parents


Include Your Children When Baking Cookies


Drunk Gets Nine Months in Violin Case
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Bridge Held Up By Red Tape
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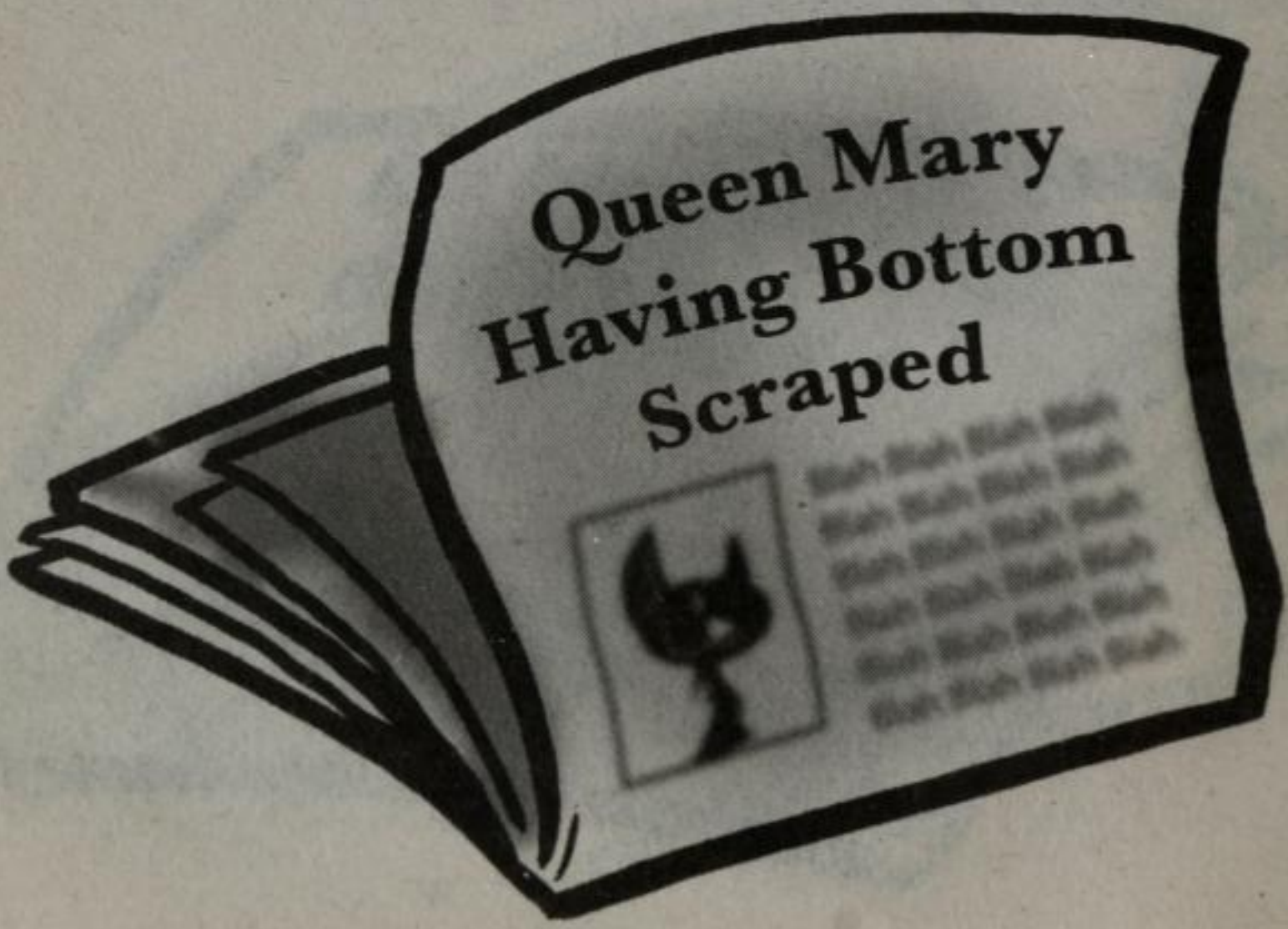
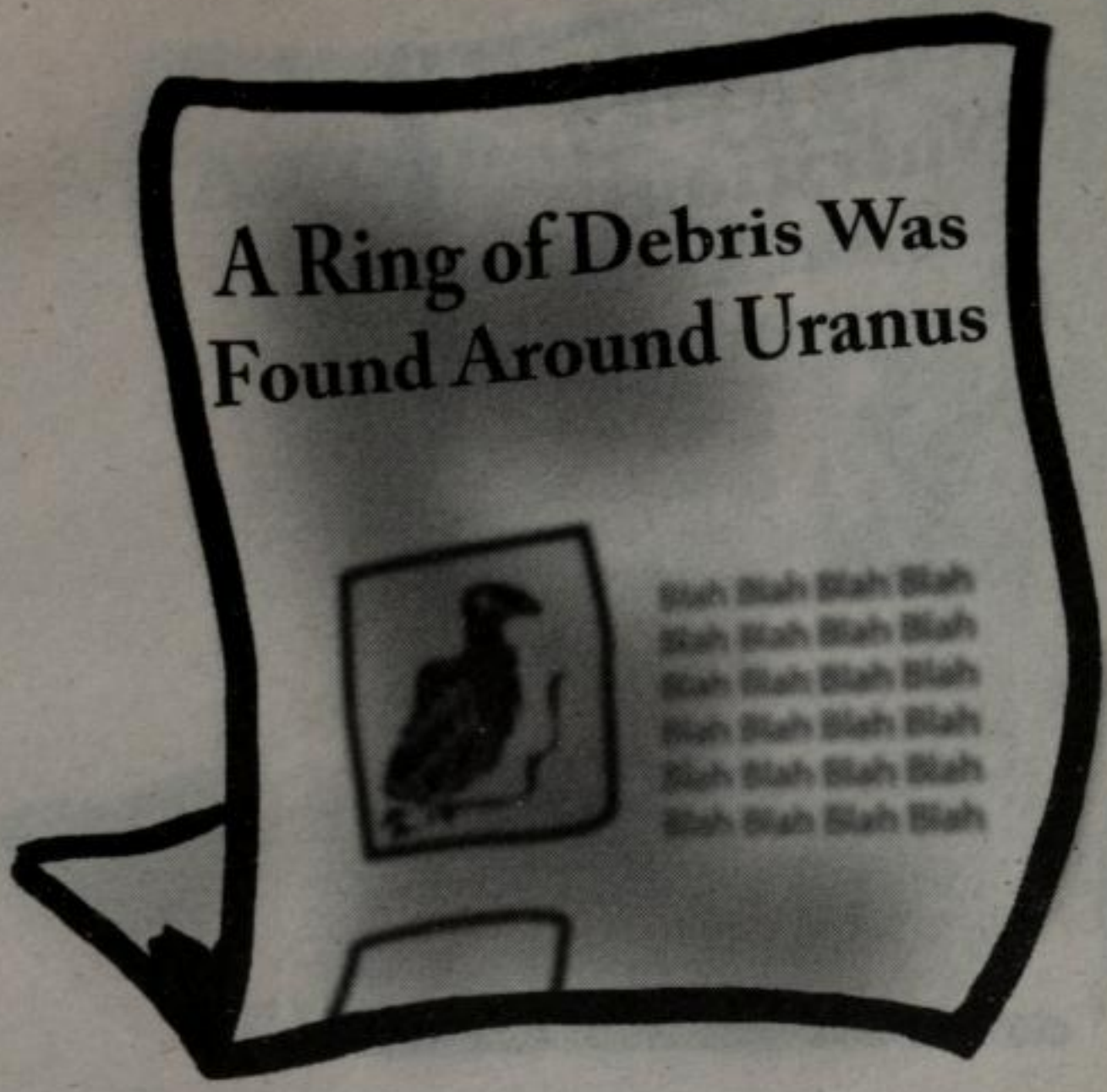
Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures


Queen Mary Having Bottom Scraped


A Ring of Debris Was Found Around Uranus
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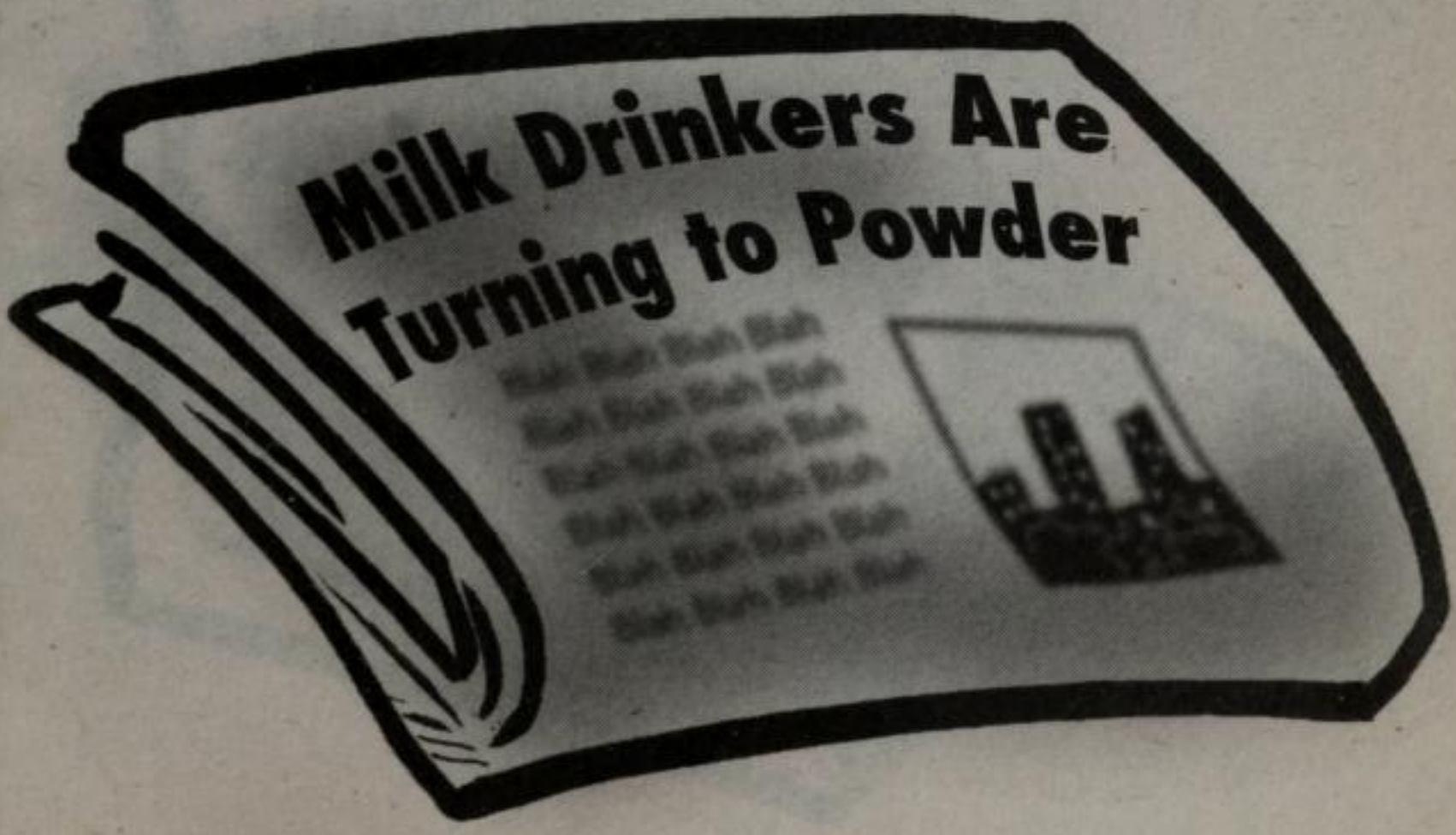
Milk Drinkers Are Turning to Powder
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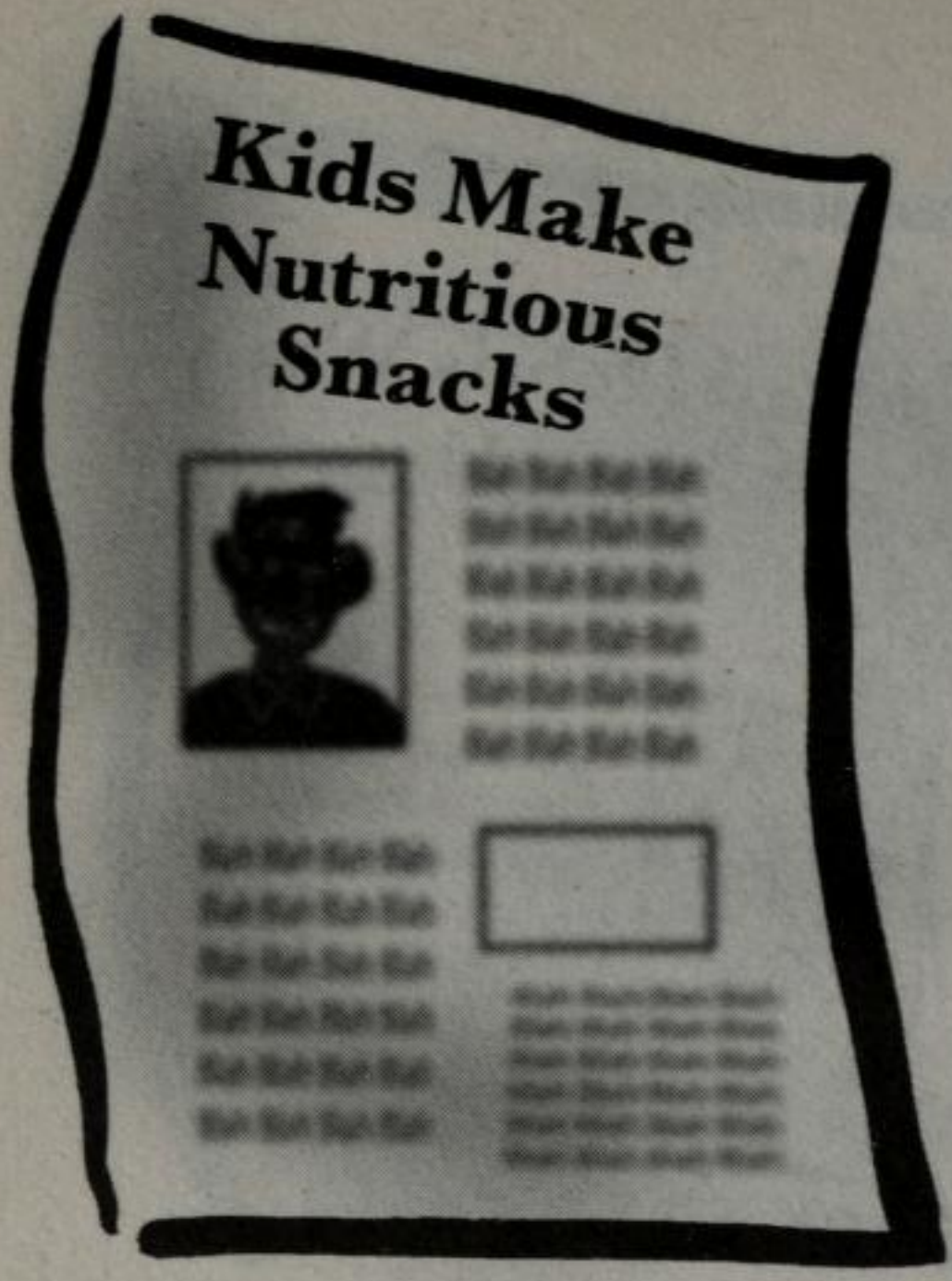
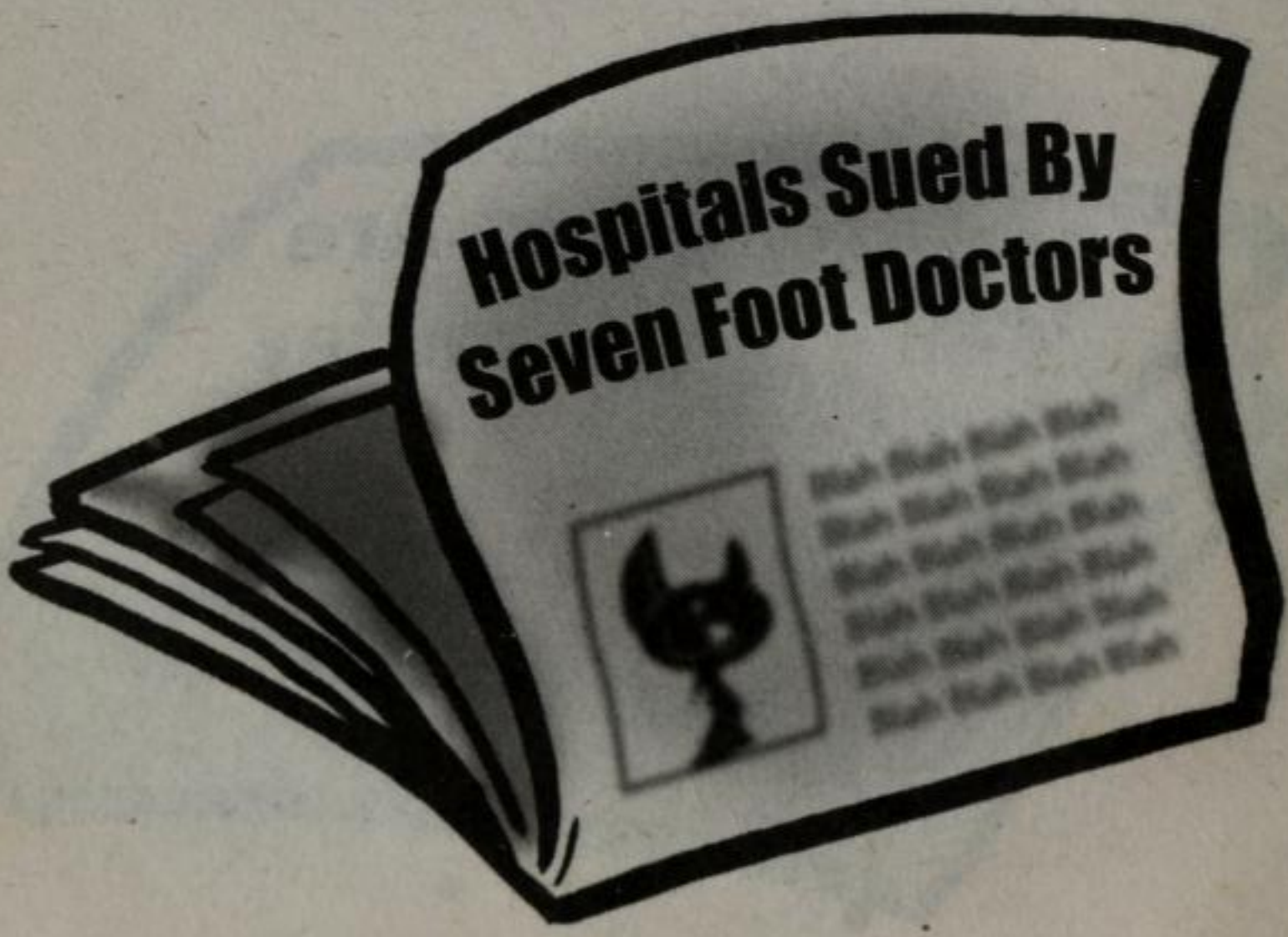

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks


Hospitals Sued By Seven Foot Doctors

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
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Grandmother of Eight Makes Hole in One
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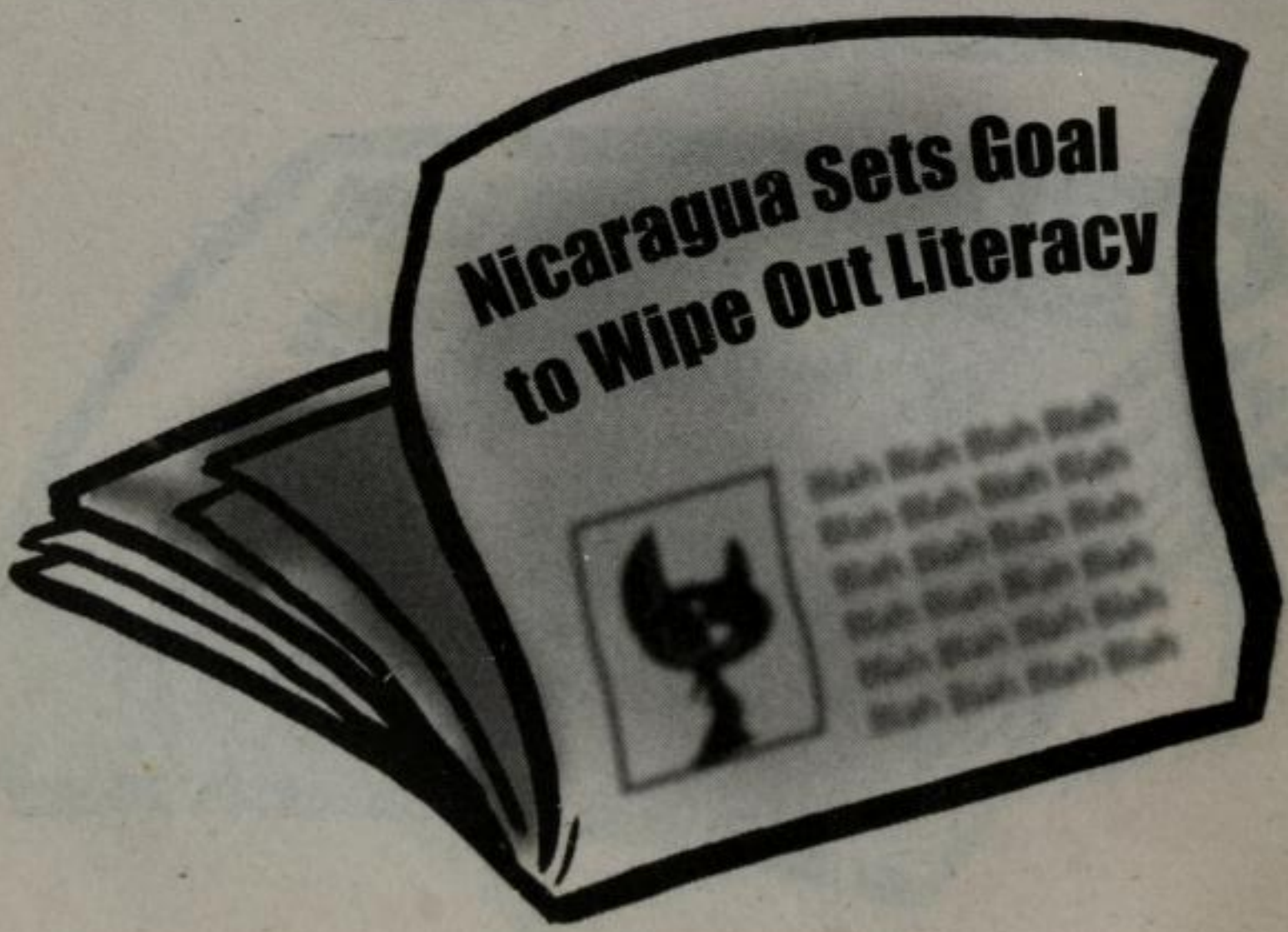
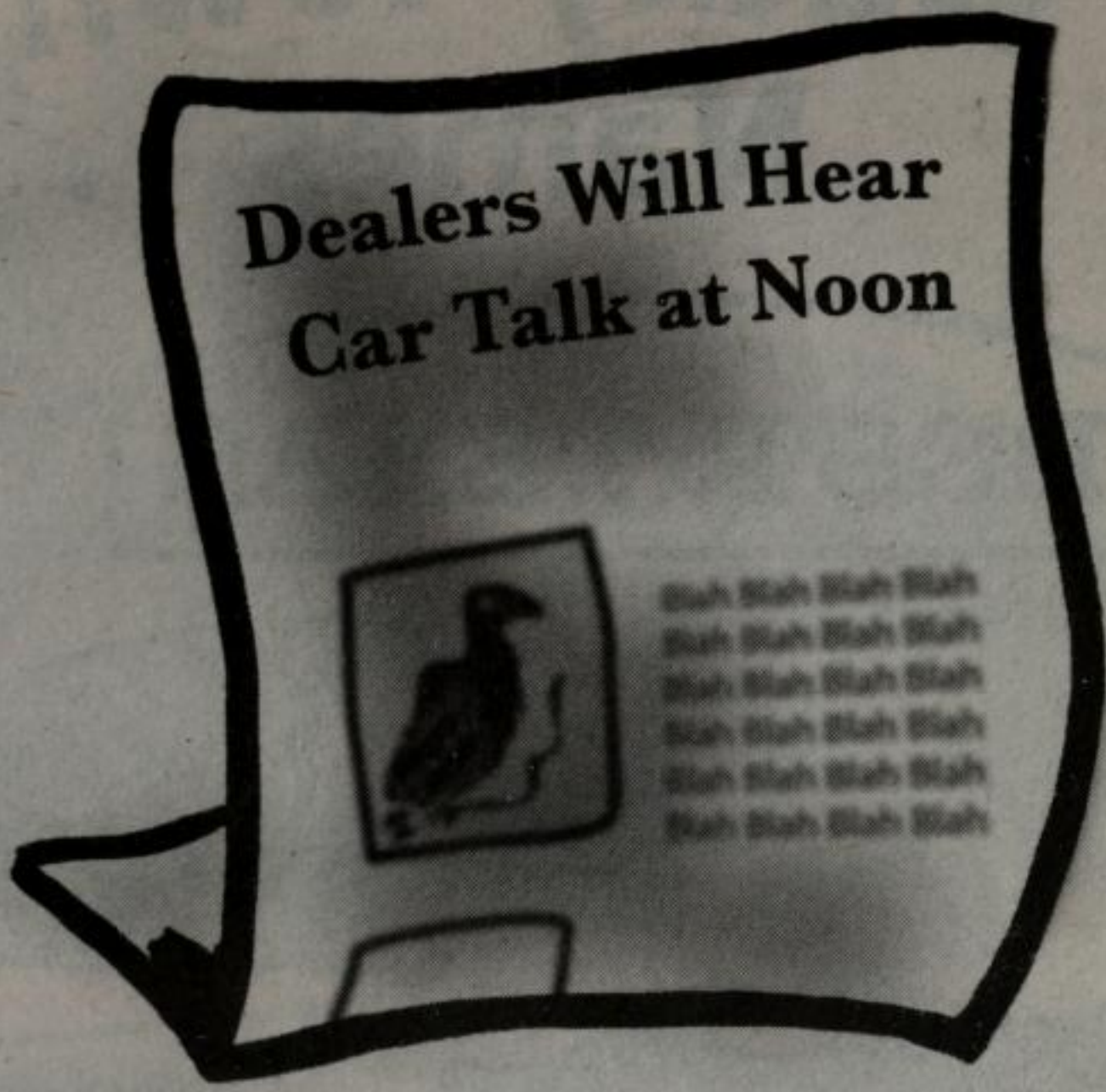
Lawmen From Mexico Barbecue Guests


Nicaragua Sets Goal to Wipe Out Literacy


Dealers Will Hear Car Talk at Noon
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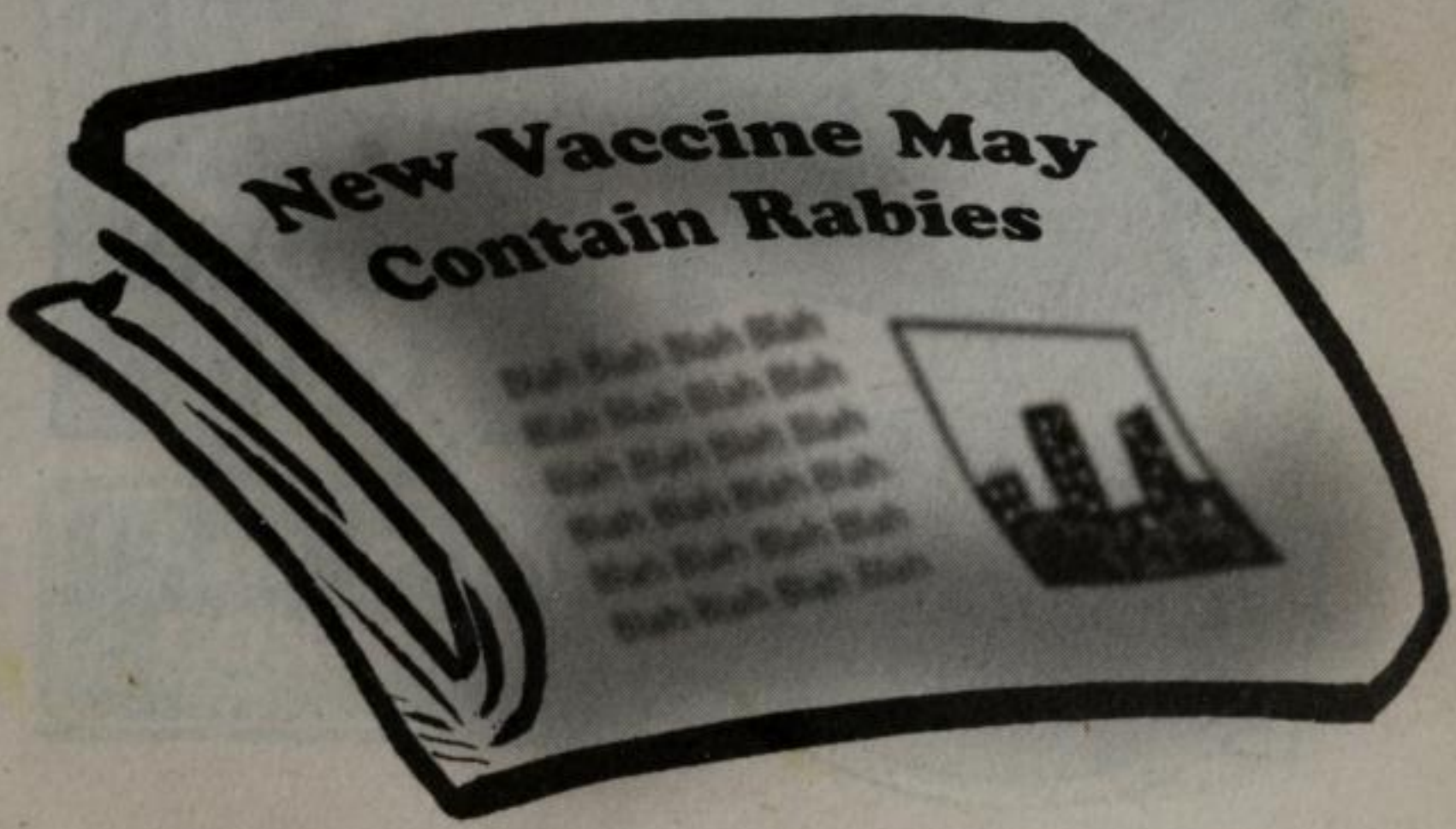
New Vaccine May Contain Rabies
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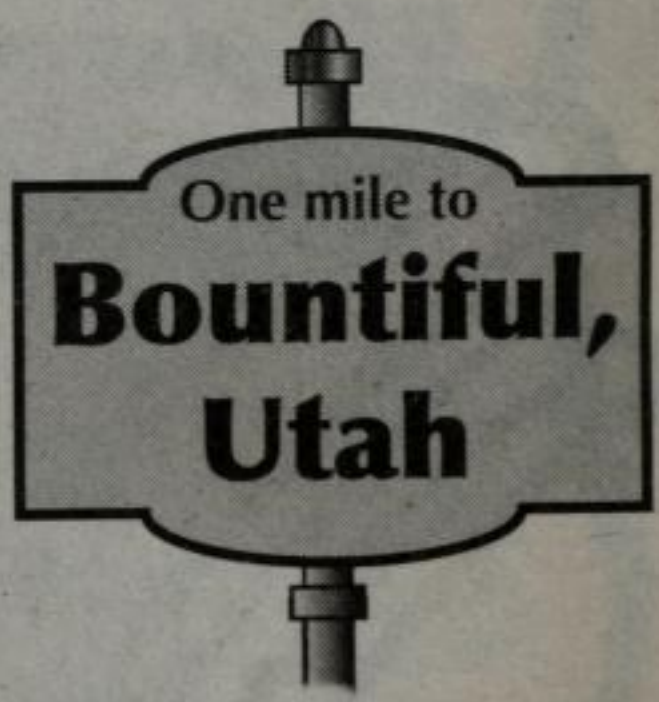
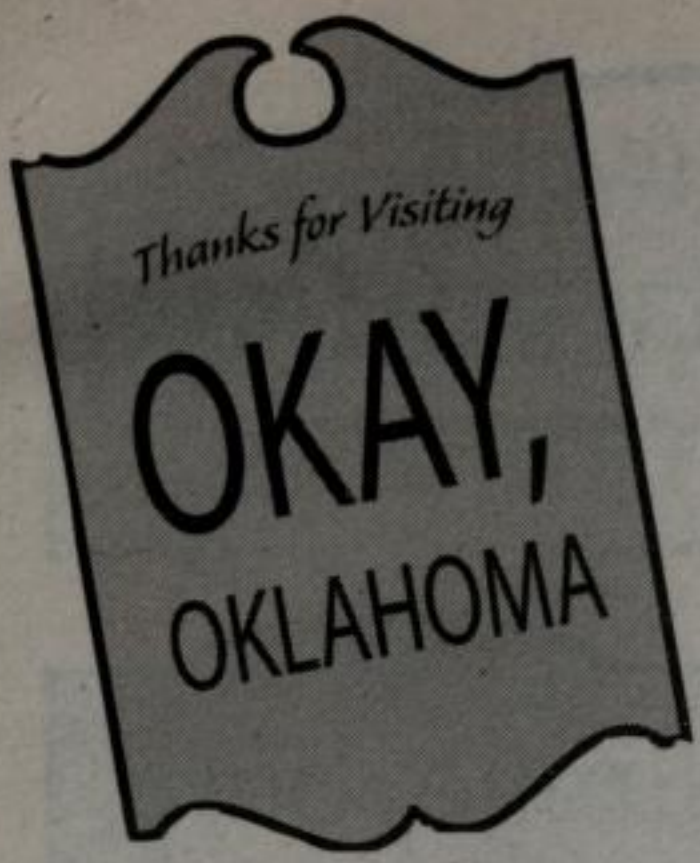
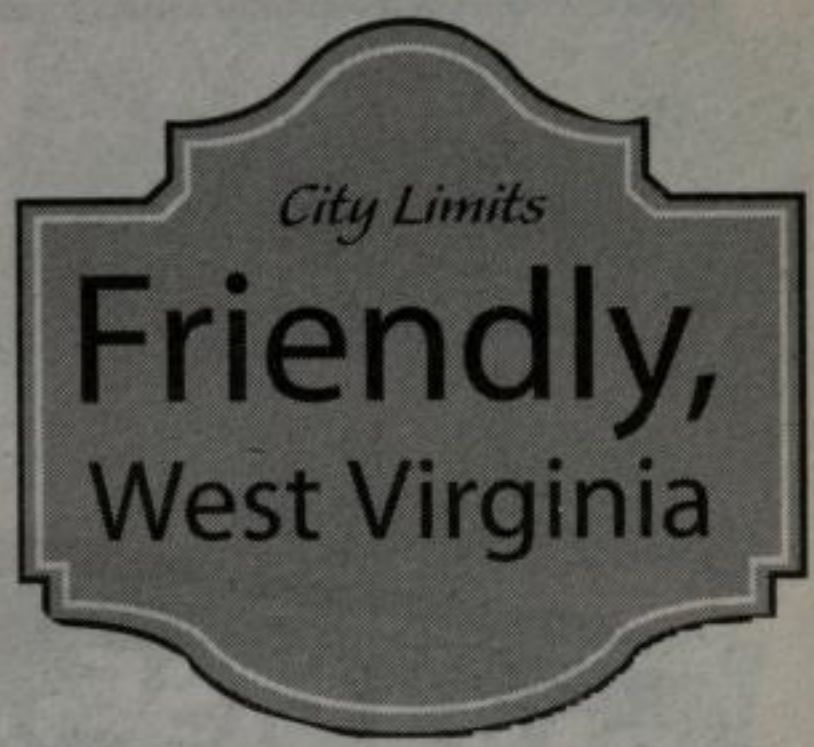
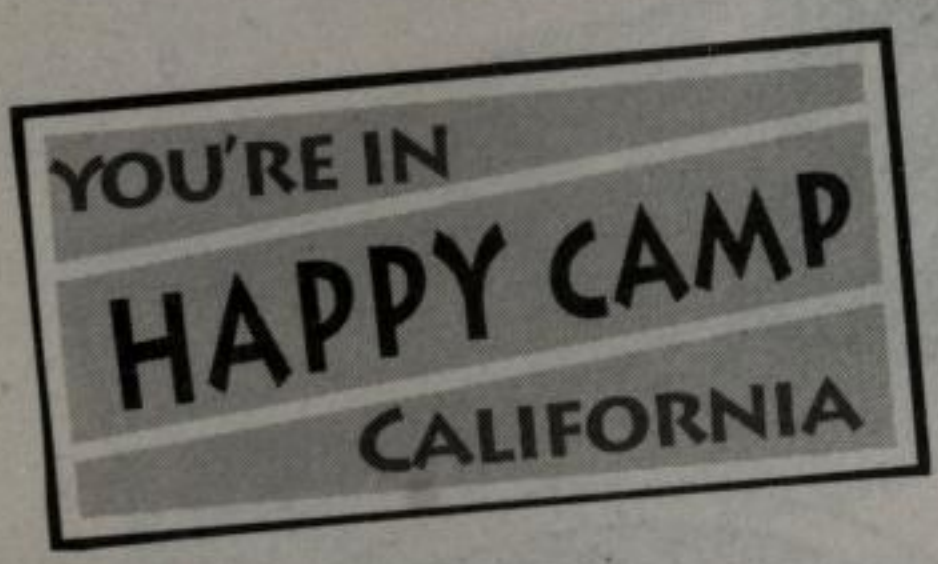
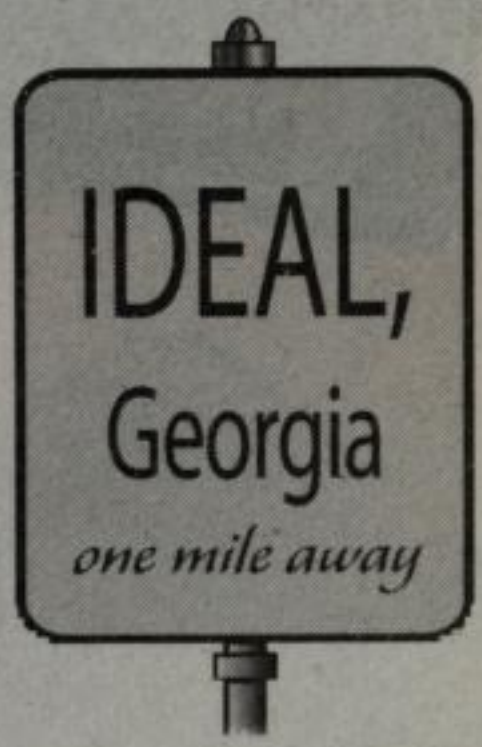
Wacky Town Names




Thanks for Visiting
OKAY,
OKLAHOMA

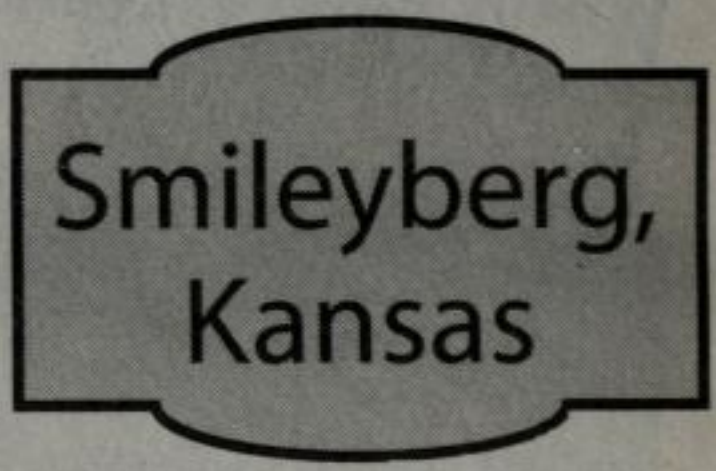

City Limits
Friendly,
West Virginia


YOU'RE IN
HAPPY CAMP
CALIFORNIA


IDEAL,
Georgia
one mile away

HAPPYLAND
CONNECTICUT

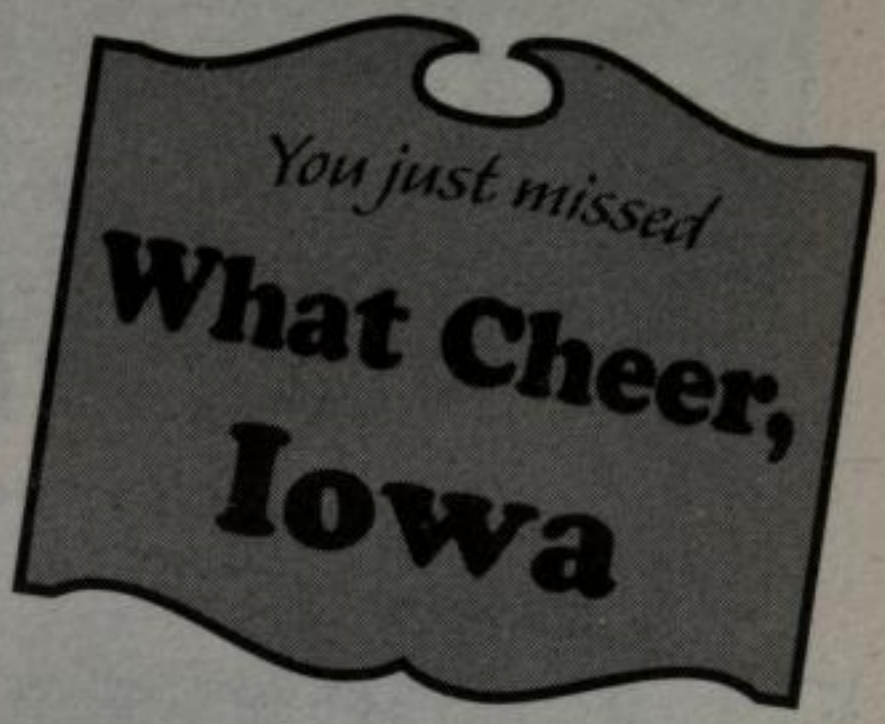
Welcome to
Lovely, Kentucky

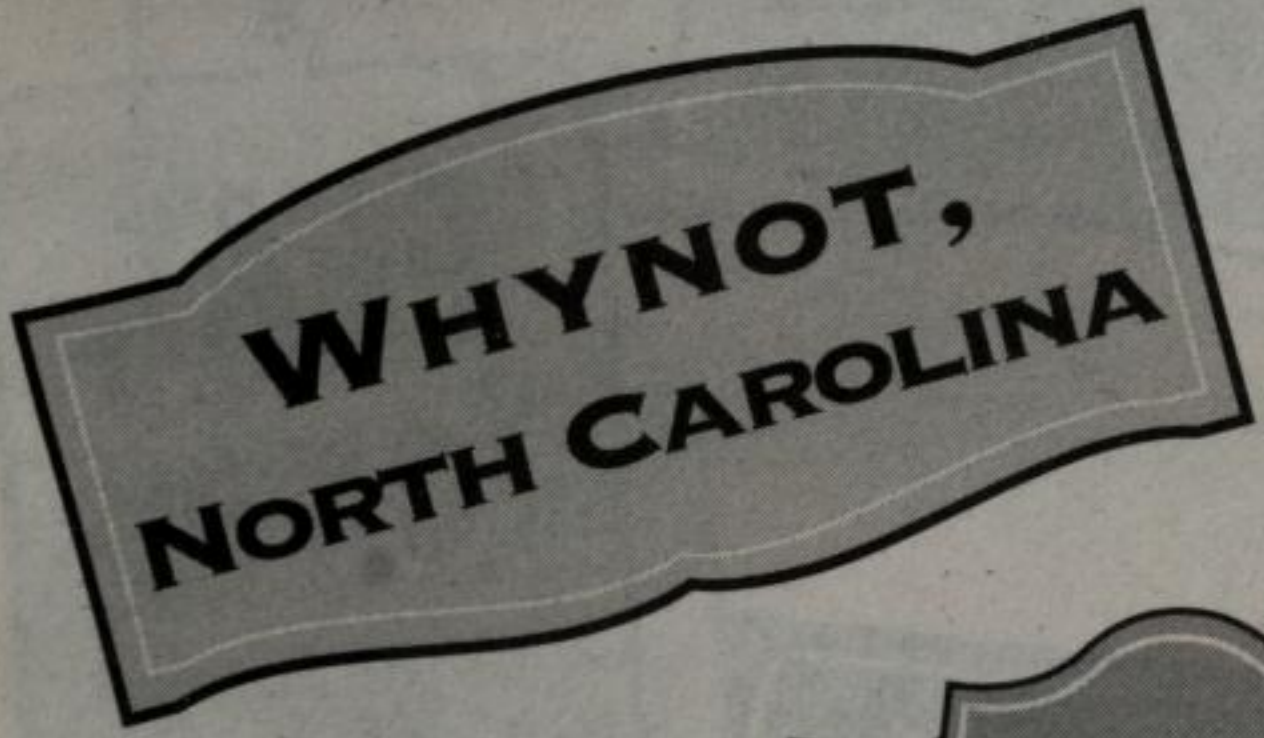

Smileyberg,
Kansas

PARADISE,
MISSOURI
THREE MILES

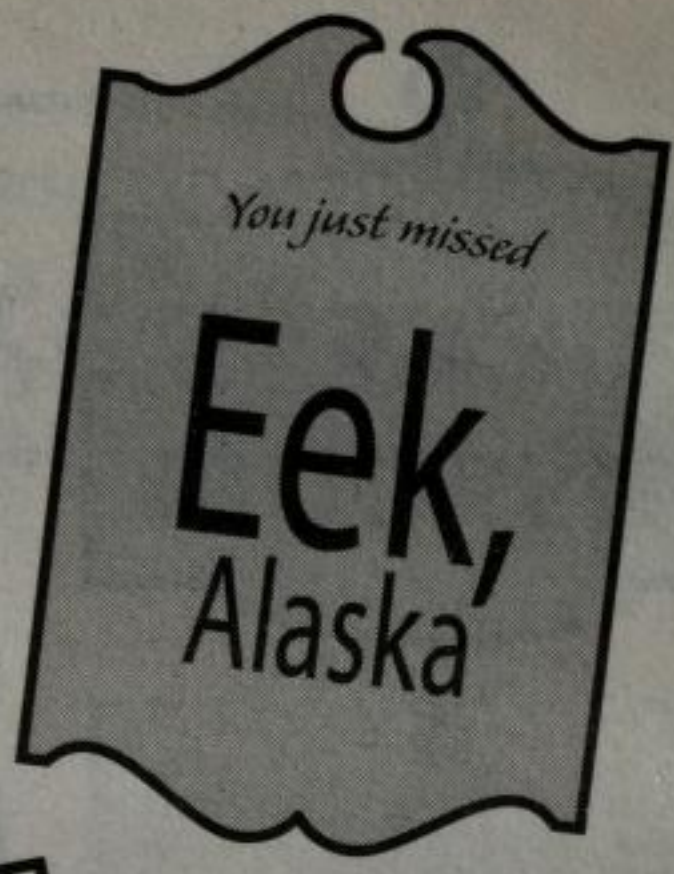
Thanks for Visiting
MAGIC CITY,
INDIANA

Entering
SUCCESS,
MISSOURI


You just missed
What Cheer,
Iowa


WHYNOT,
NORTH CAROLINA

Welcome to
Boring,
Oregon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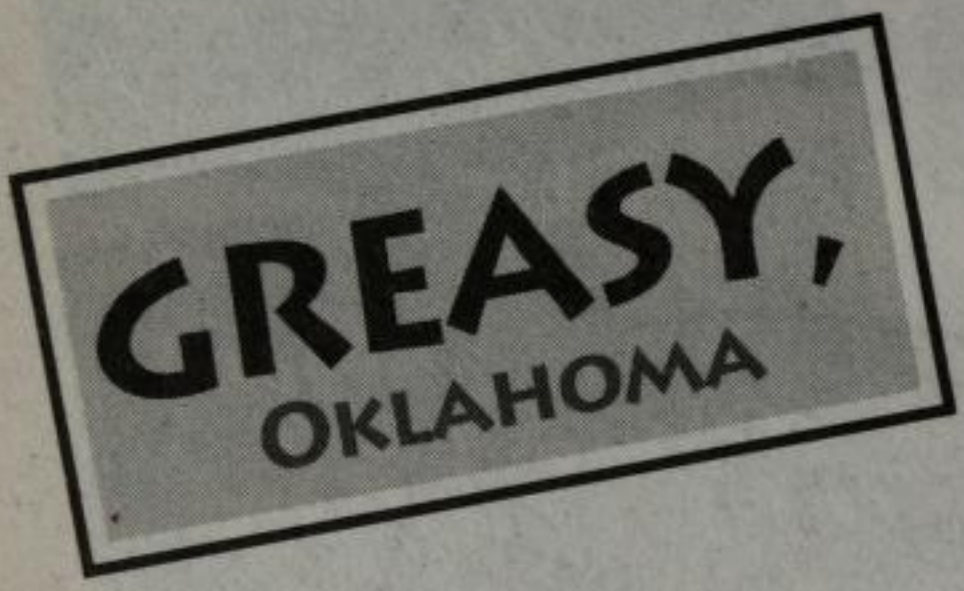
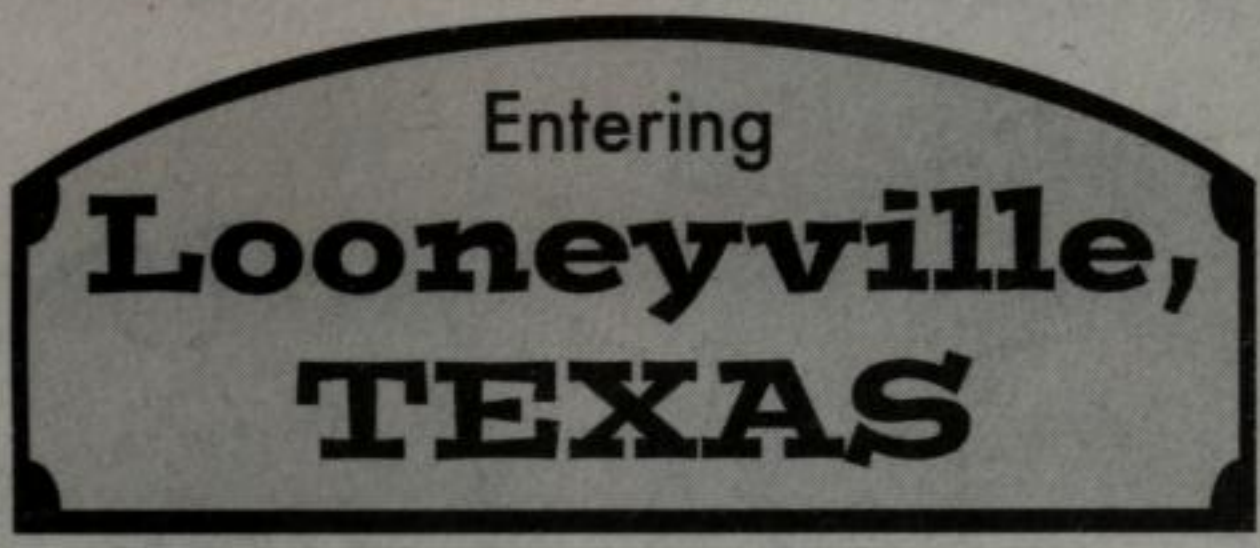
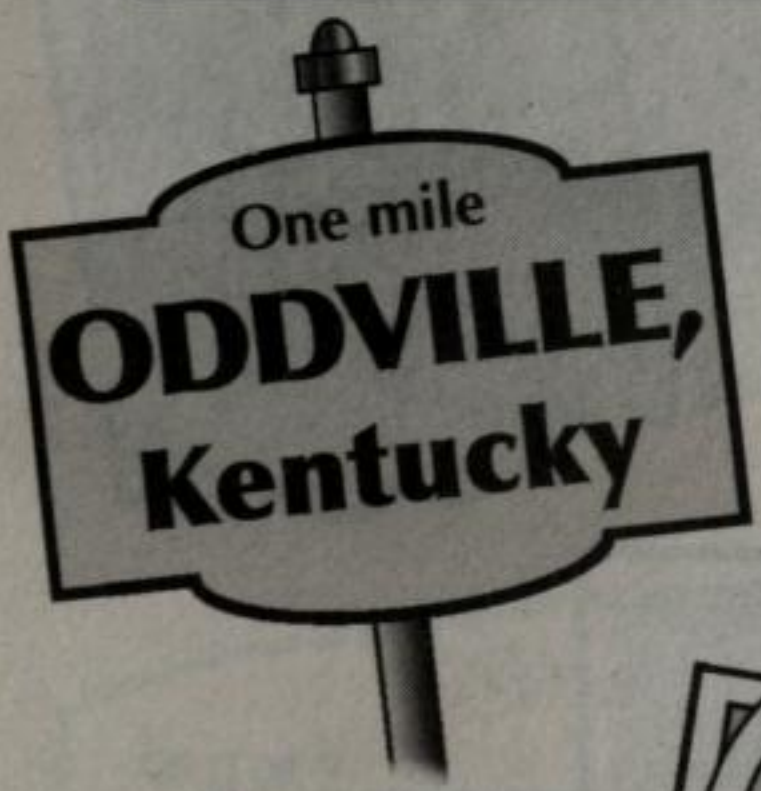

GREASY,
OKLAHOMA

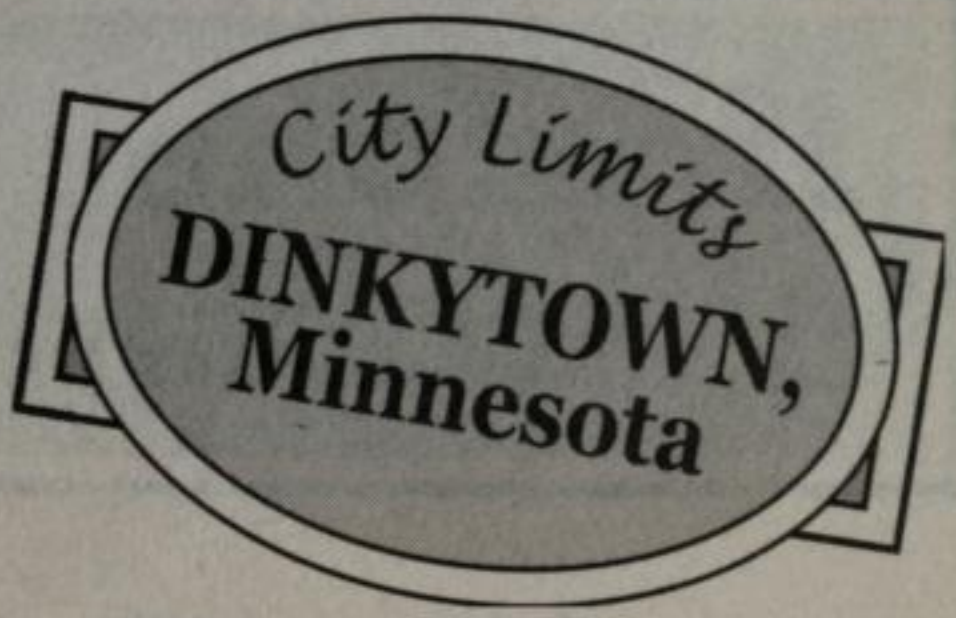
FLAT,
Texas
Come Back
And See Us!

GRIPE,
ARIZONA
2 MILES

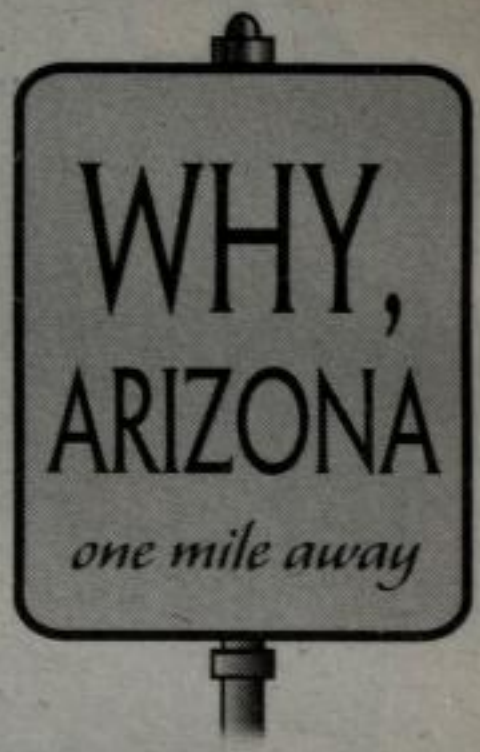
Welcome to
HARDSCRABBLE,
DELAWARE


Entering
Looneyville,
TEXAS


One mile
ODDVILLE,
Kentucky


City Limits
DINKYTOWN,
Minnesota

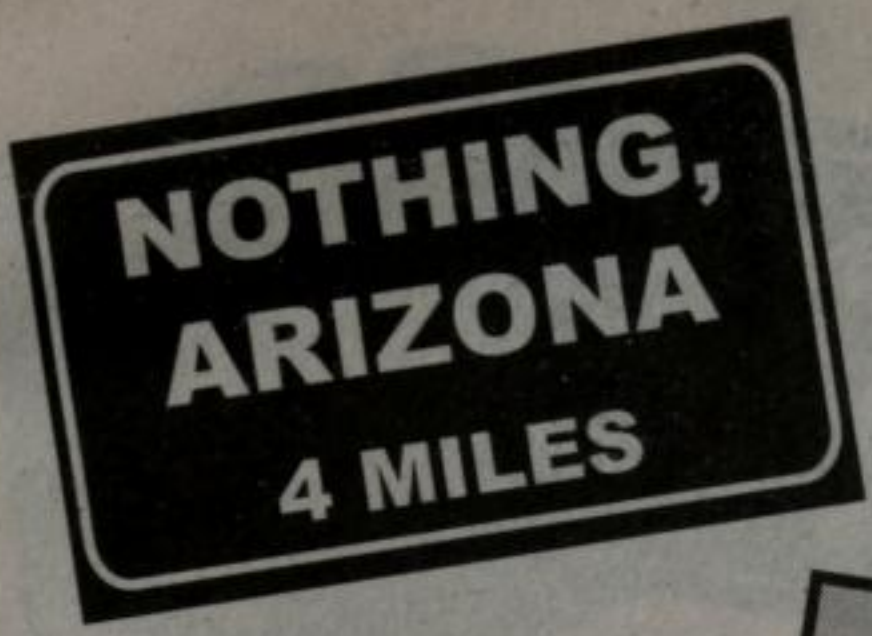
ORDINARY,
KENTUCKY

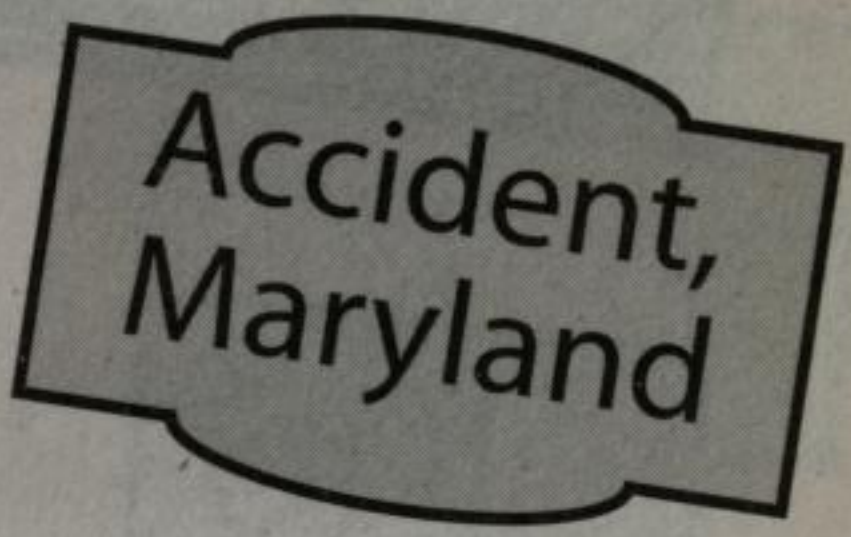

WHY,
ARIZONA
one mile away

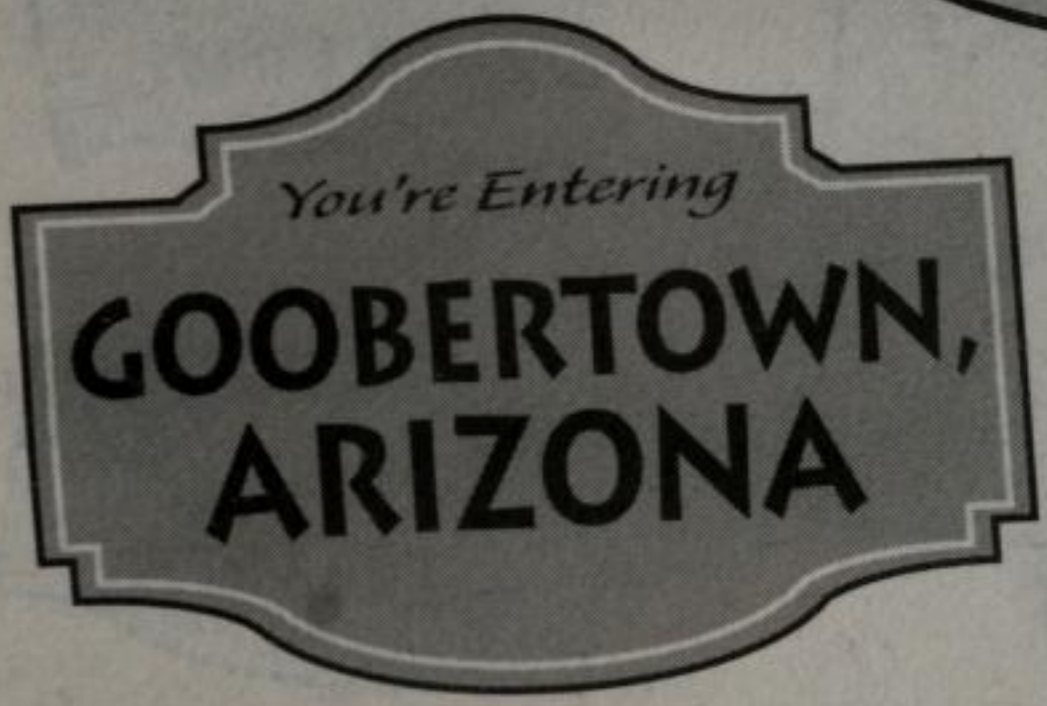
Welcome to
Peculiar,
Missouri

You just missed
SOD,
WEST
VIRGINIA

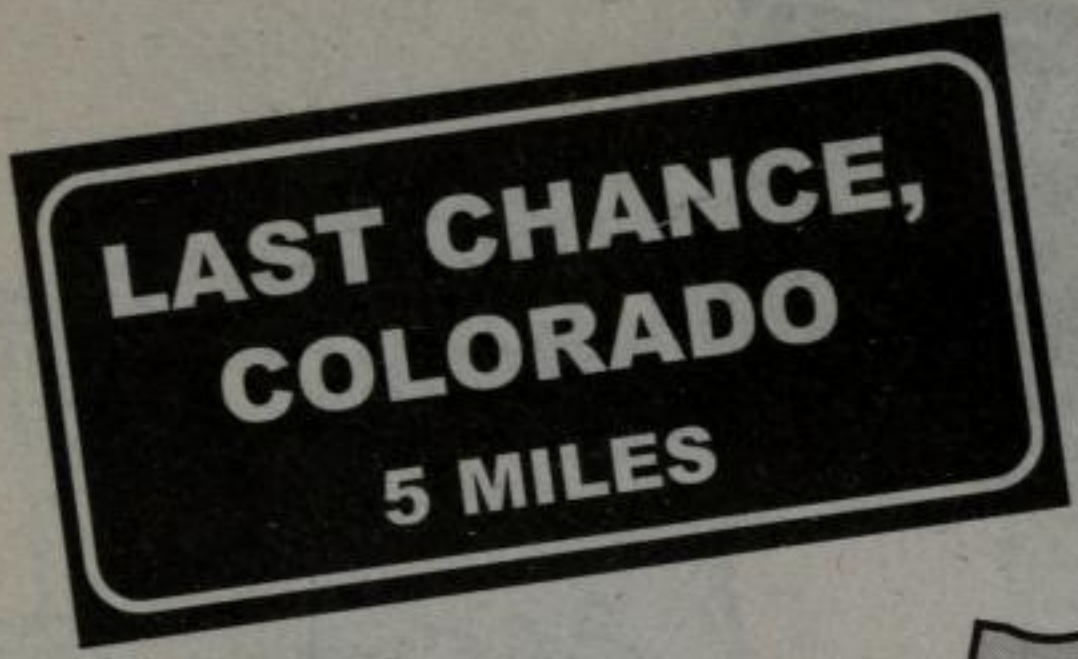
Imalone,
Wisconsin

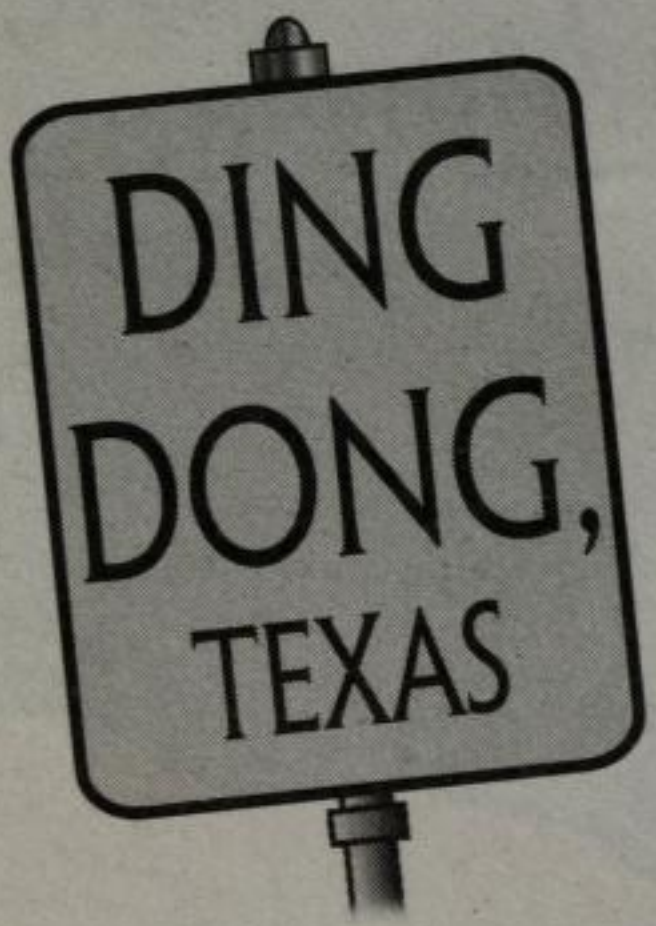

NOTHING,
ARIZONA
4 MILES


Accident,
Maryland


You're Entering
GOOBERTOWN,
ARIZONA

Thanks for Visiting!
Wimp, California


LAST CHANCE,
COLORADO
5 MILES


DING
DONG,
TEXAS

You just missed
Accident,
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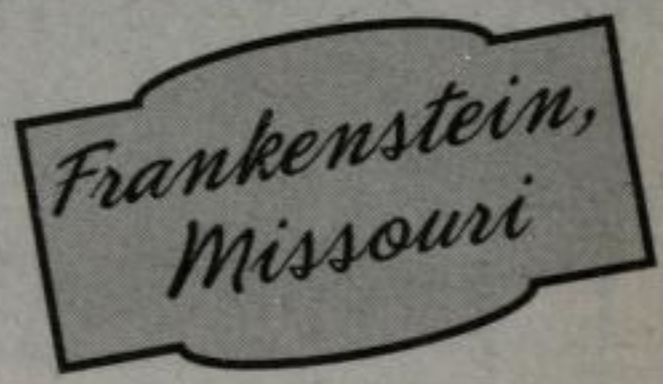
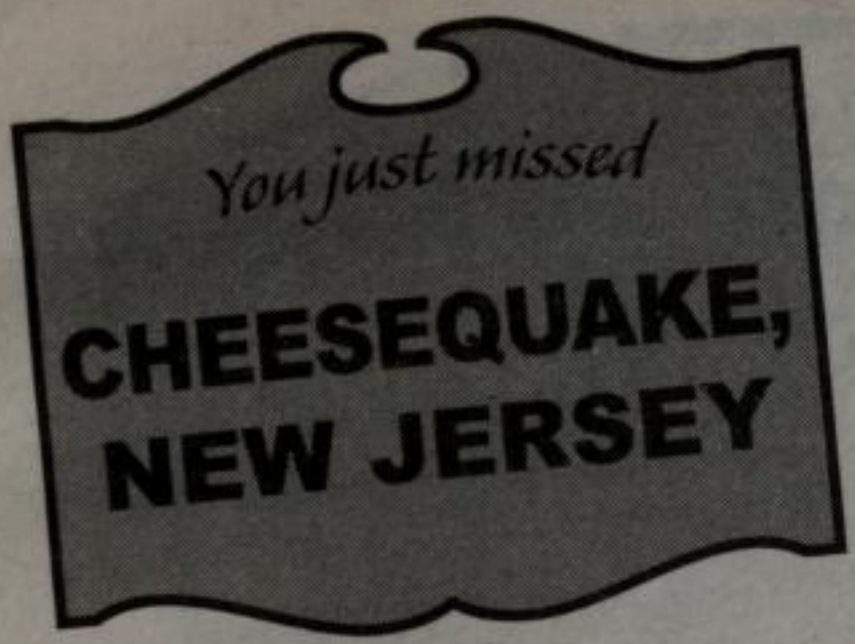

Frankenstein,
Missouri

Welcome to
Unalaska, Alaska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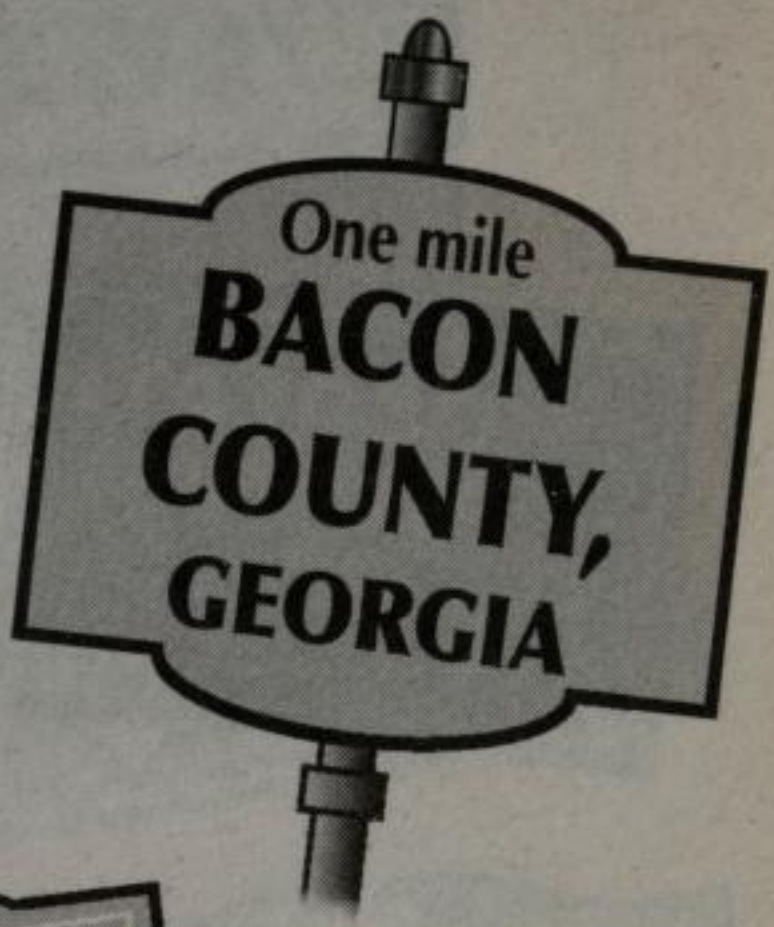
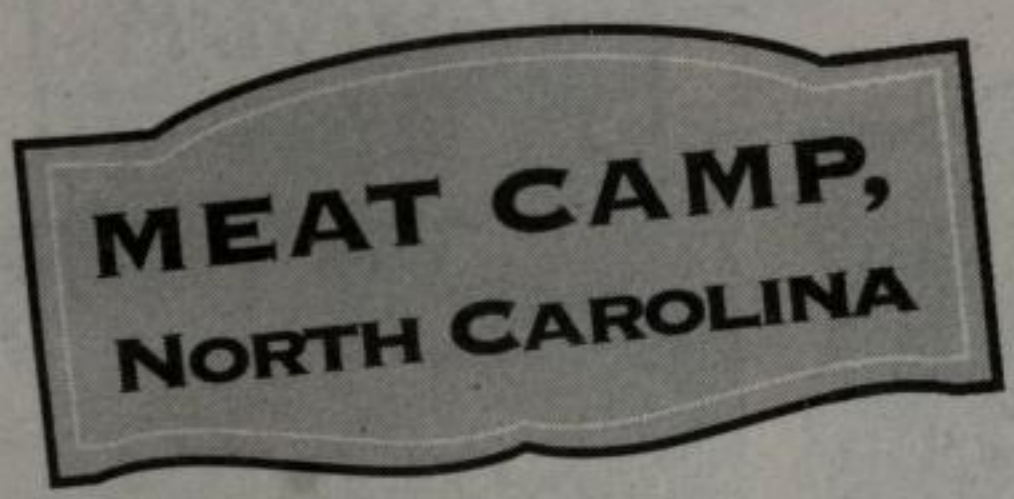
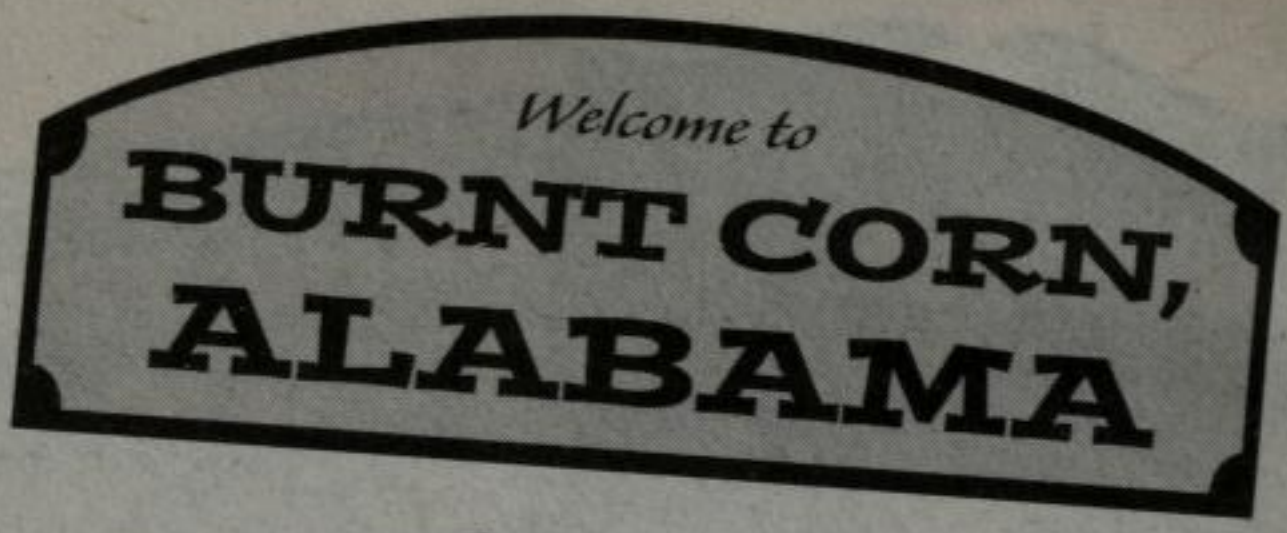
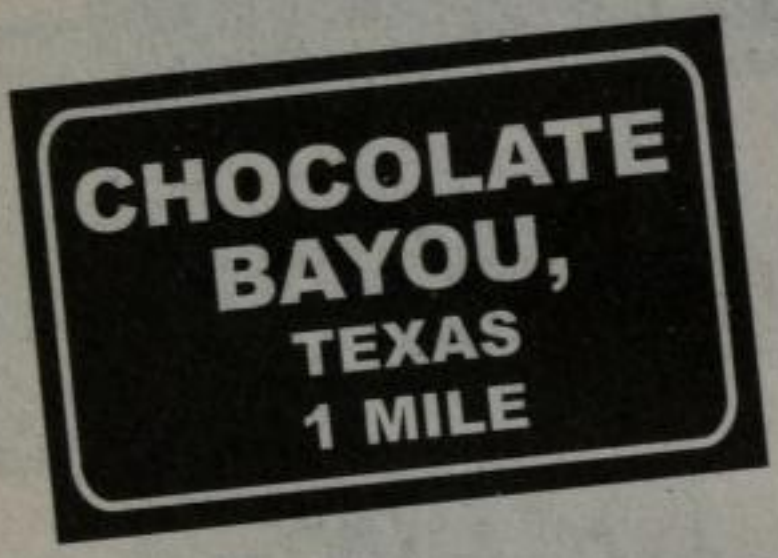
CHEESEQUAKE,
NEW JERSEY


One mile
BACON
COUNTY,
GEORGIA

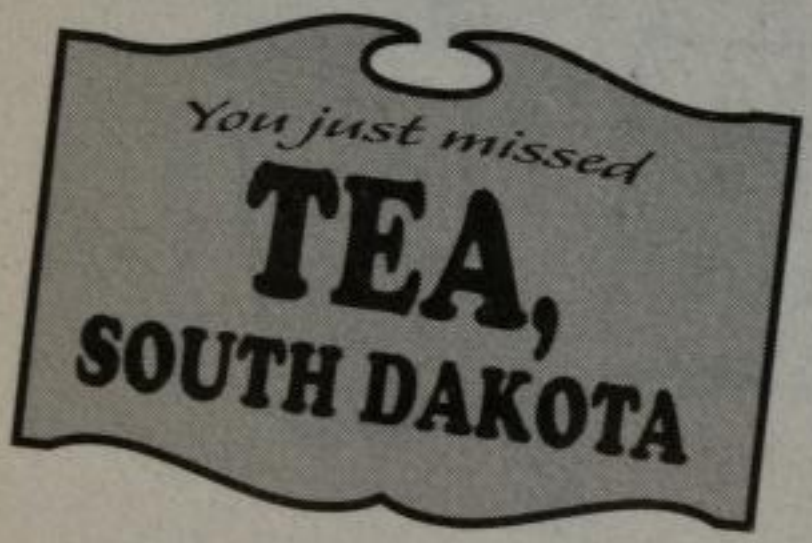

MEAT CAMP,
NORTH CAROLINA

THANKS FOR VISITING
BUTTERMILK, KANSAS

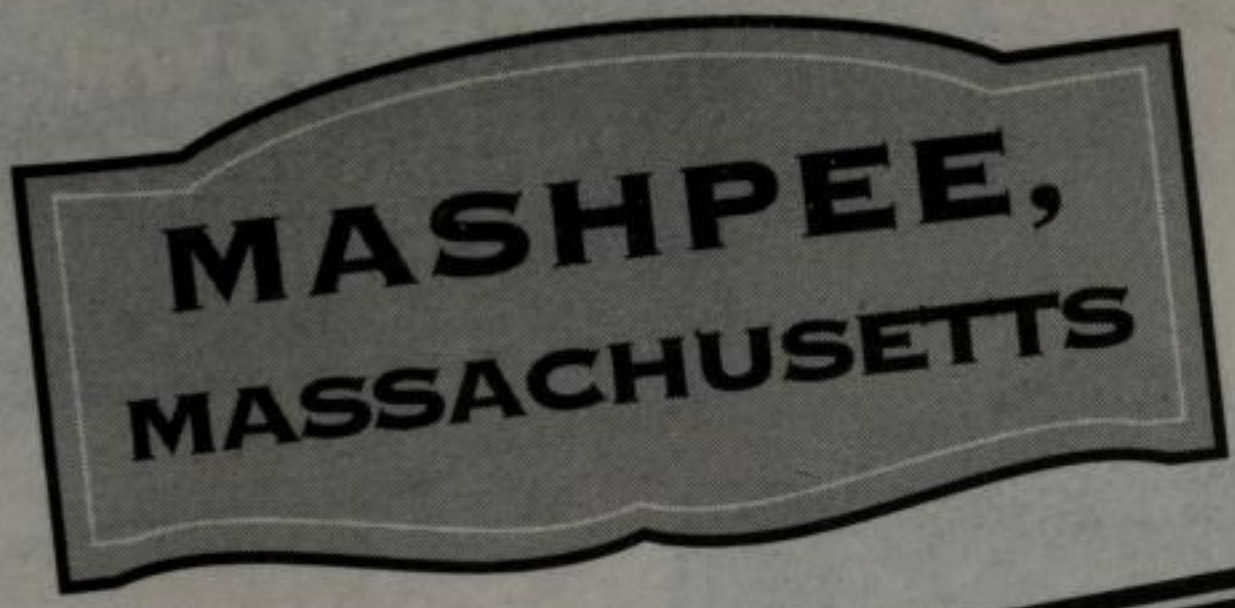

Welcome to
BURNT CORN,
ALABAMA

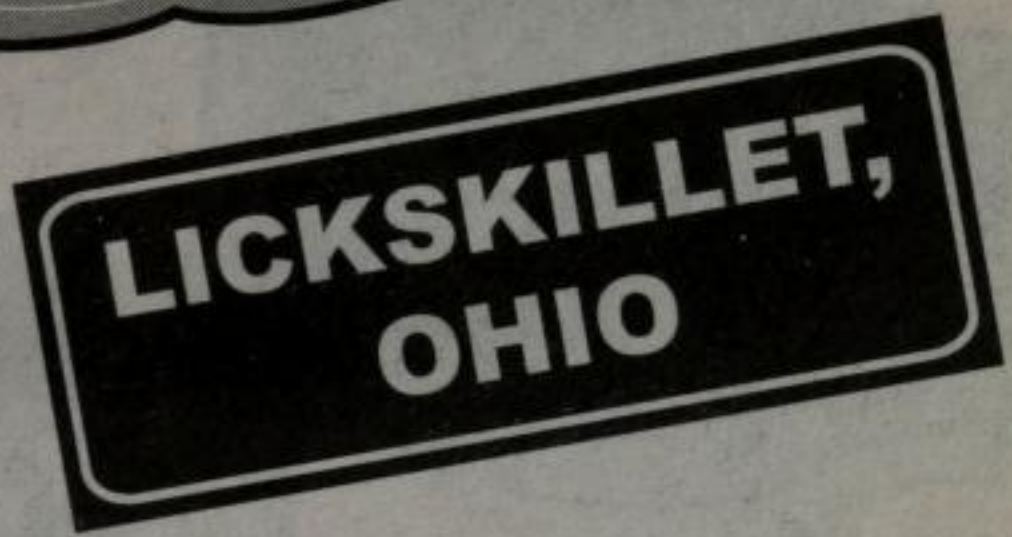

CHOCOLATE
BAYOU,
TEXAS
1 MILE

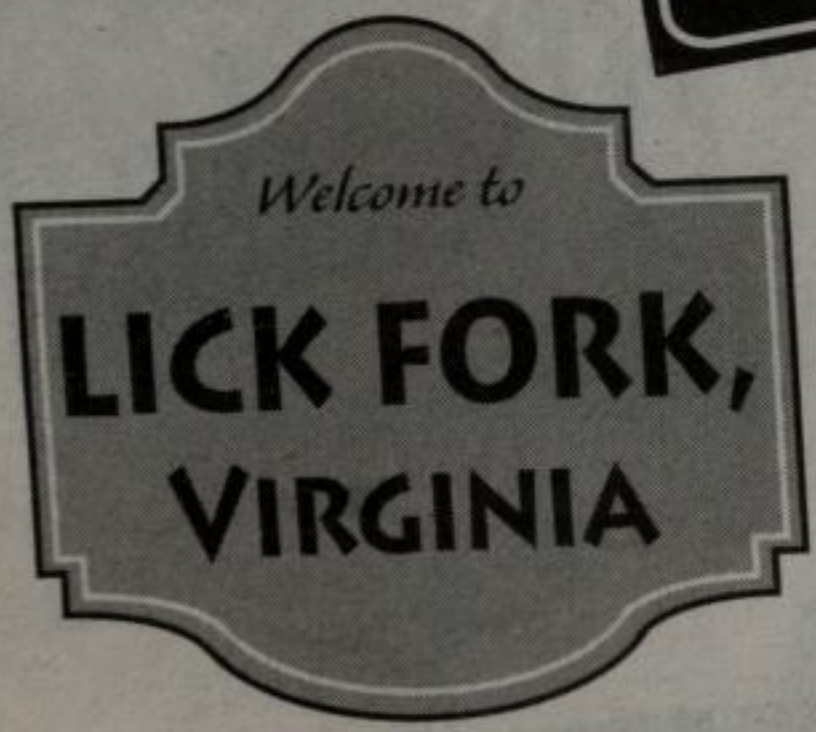
SPUDS,
FLORIDA
one mile away


You just missed
TEA,
SOUTH DAKOTA

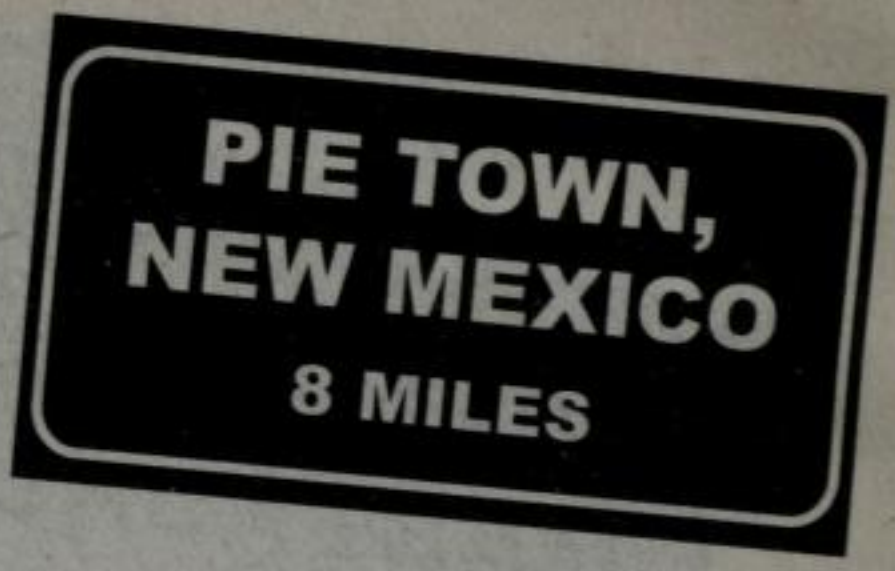
Ham Lake,
Minnesota


MASHPEE,
MASSACHUSETTS


LICKSKILLET,
OHIO

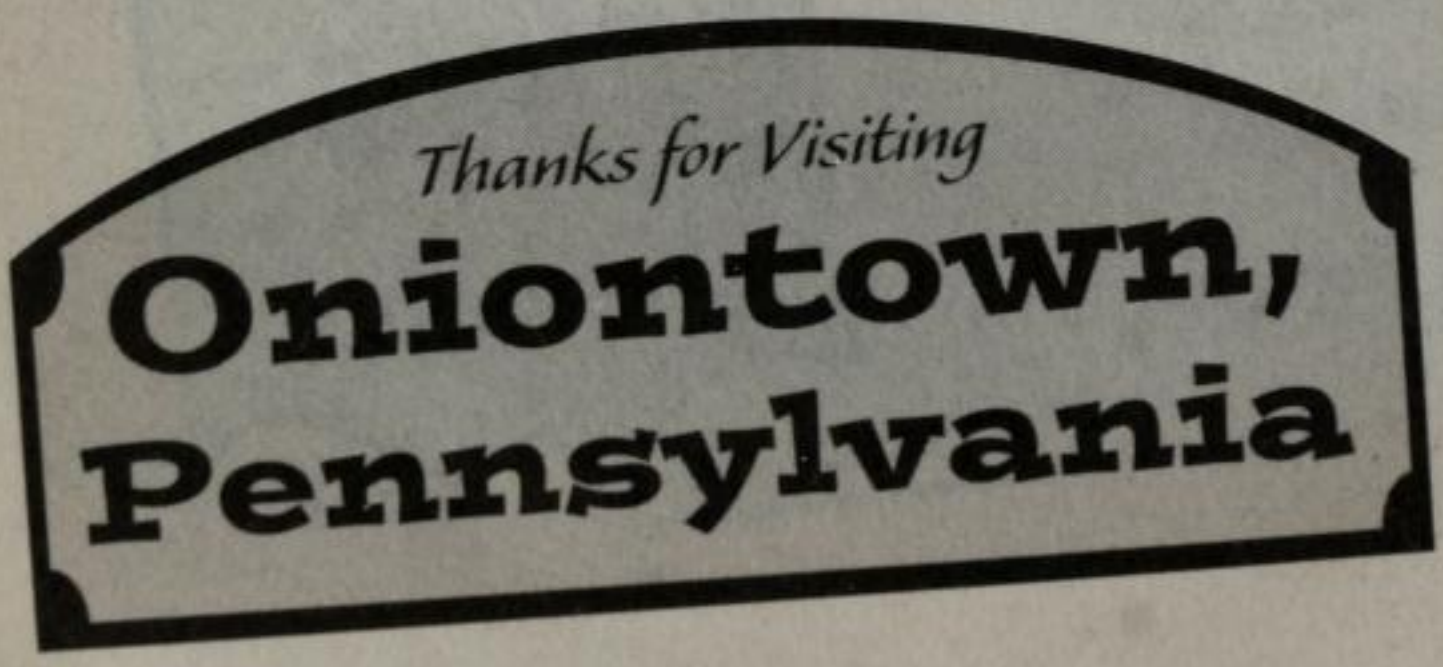

Welcome to
LICK FORK,
VIRGINIA

You just missed
HOT
COFFEE,
Mississippi


PIE TOWN,
NEW MEXICO
8 MILES

Welcome to
Oatmeal,
Texas

You just missed
Picnic,
Florida

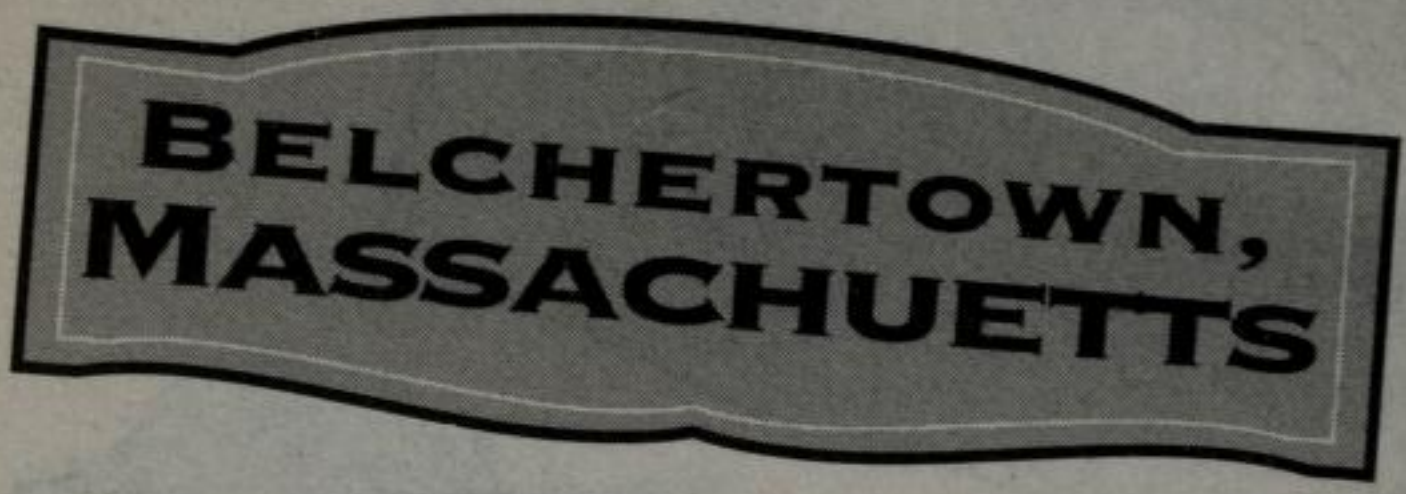

Thanks for Visiting
Oniontown,
Pennsylvania

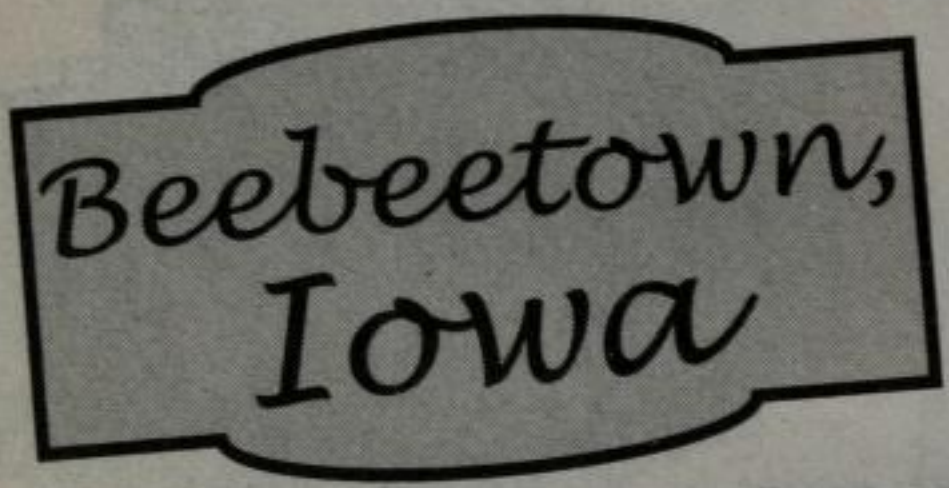
SANDWICH, MASSACHUSETTS

You're Entering
Two Egg, Florida

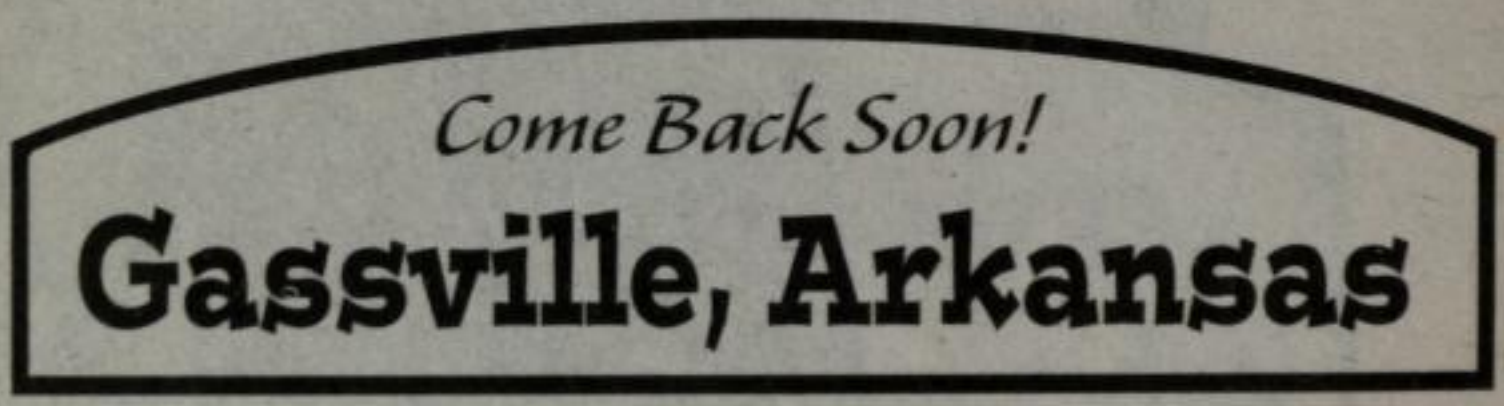
One mile
Sugar City, IDAHO

You just missed
Tortilla Flat, Arizona


BELCHERTOWN,
MASSACHUETTS


Beebeetown,
Iowa

Welcome to
BUGSCUFFLE,
TENNESSEE

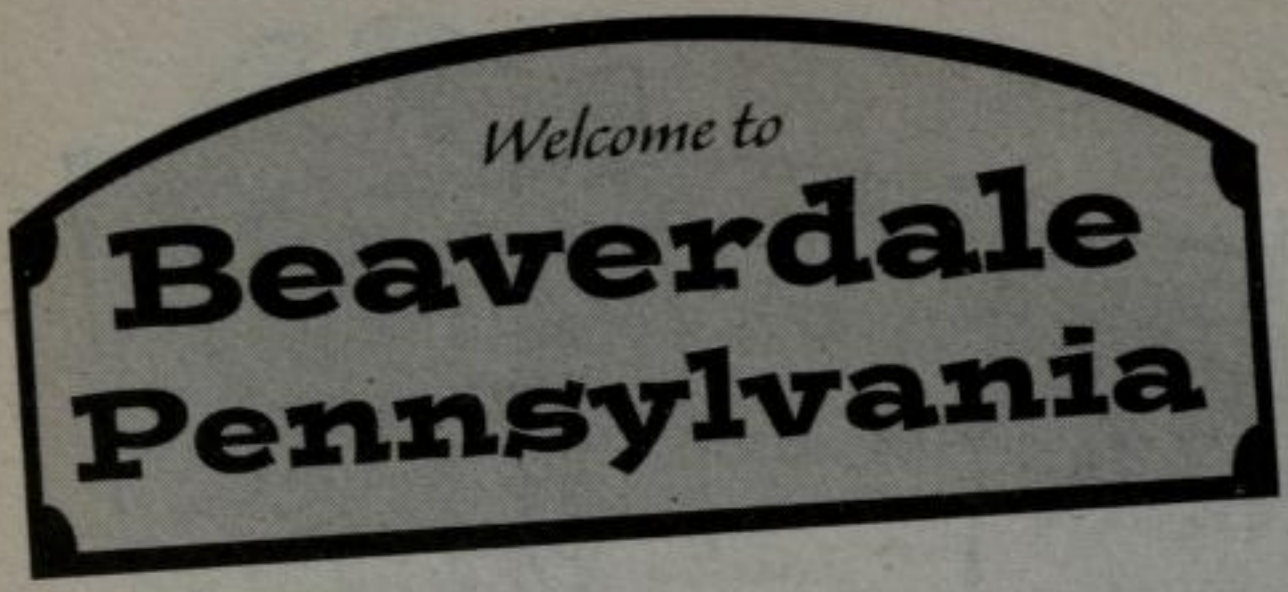

Come Back Soon!
Gassville, Arkansas

BLACK
GNAT,
Kentucky

You just missed
BUMBLE
BEE,
ARIZONA

Bee Lick,
KENTUCKY
15 MILES

Entering
Fleatown,
OHIO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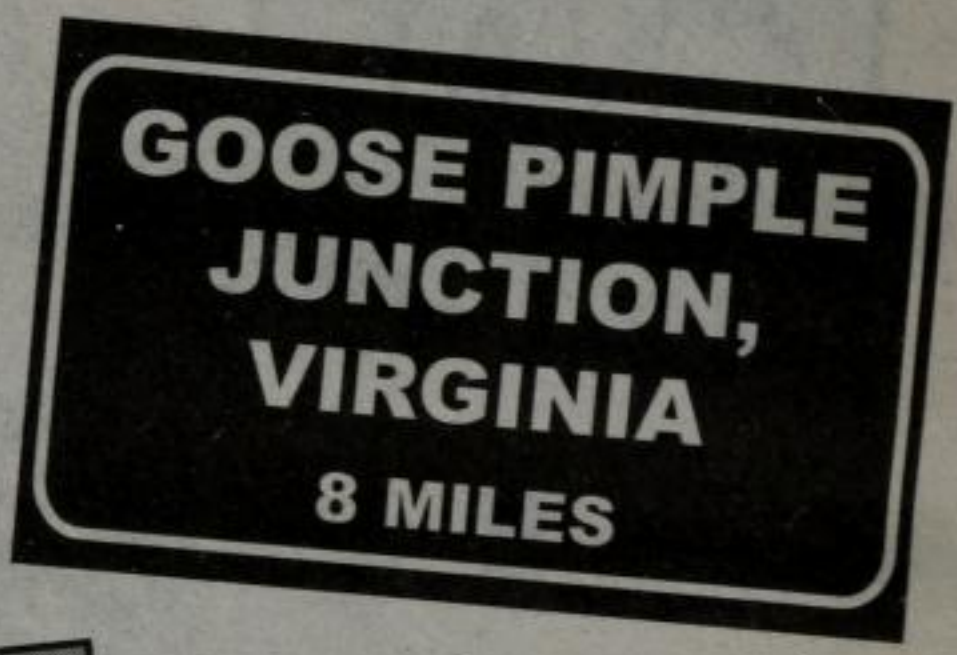
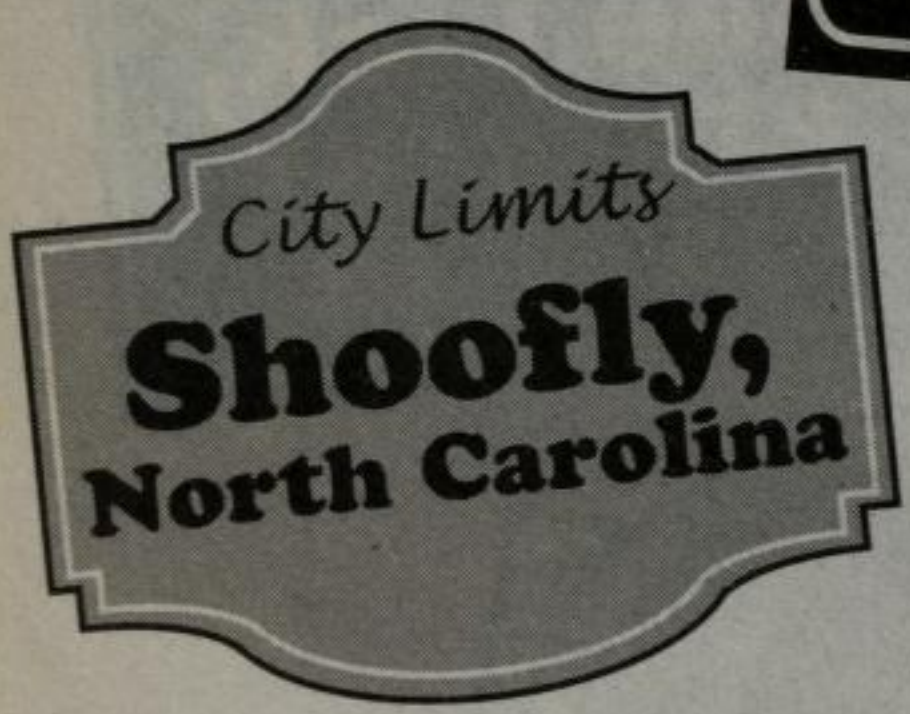
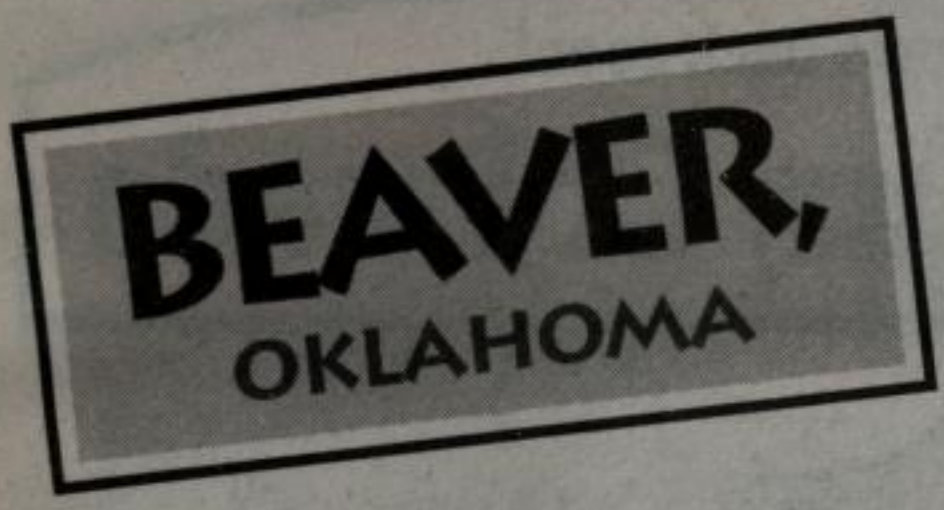

GOOSE PIMPLE
JUNCTION,
VIRGINIA
8 MILES


City Limits
Shoofly,
North Carolina

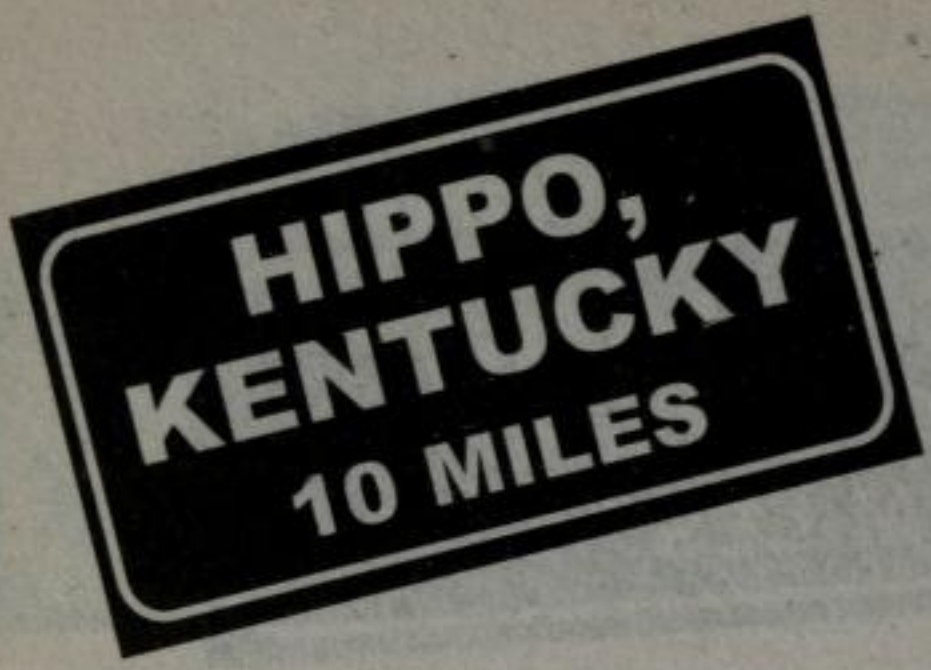
You just missed
Bear,
Delaware

BIRD-IN-HAND,
PENNSYLVANIA
10 MILES


BEAVER,
OKLAHOMA

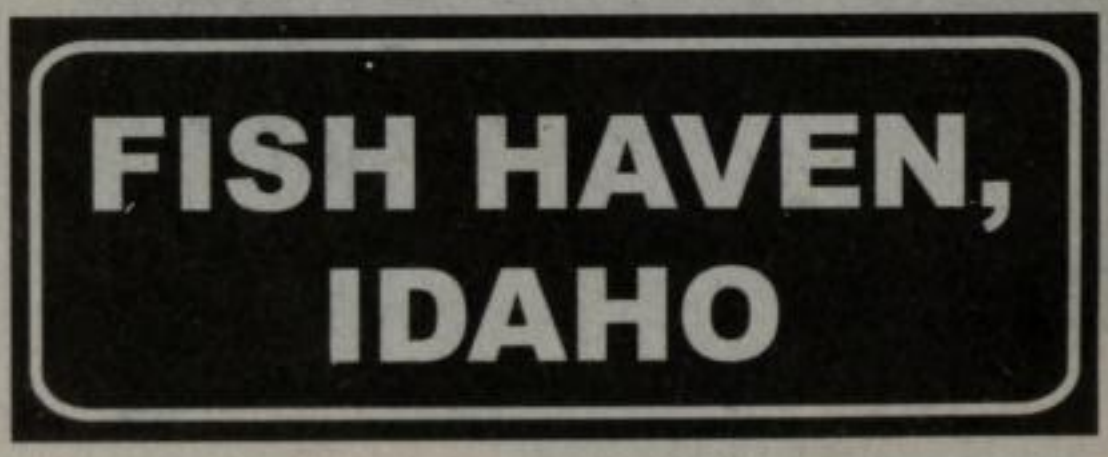
BIRDSEYE,
INDIANA
Five miles away

You just missed
Elephant Butte,
New Mexico


HIPPO,
KENTUCKY
10 MILES

Come back soon!
Dinosaur, Colorado

Welcome to
DOGWALK,
KENTUCKY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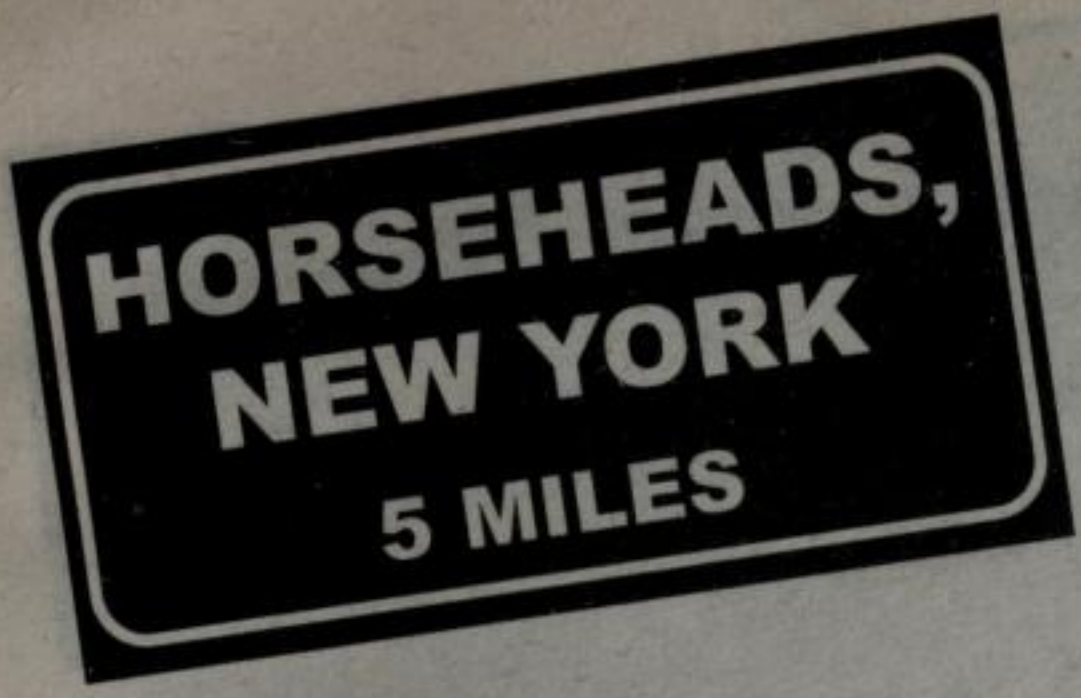
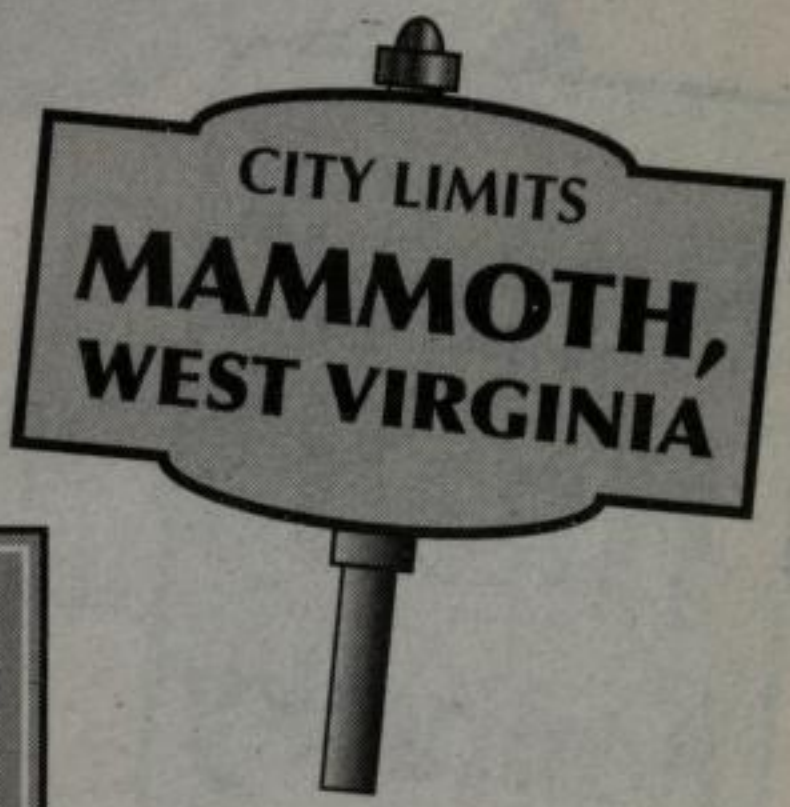
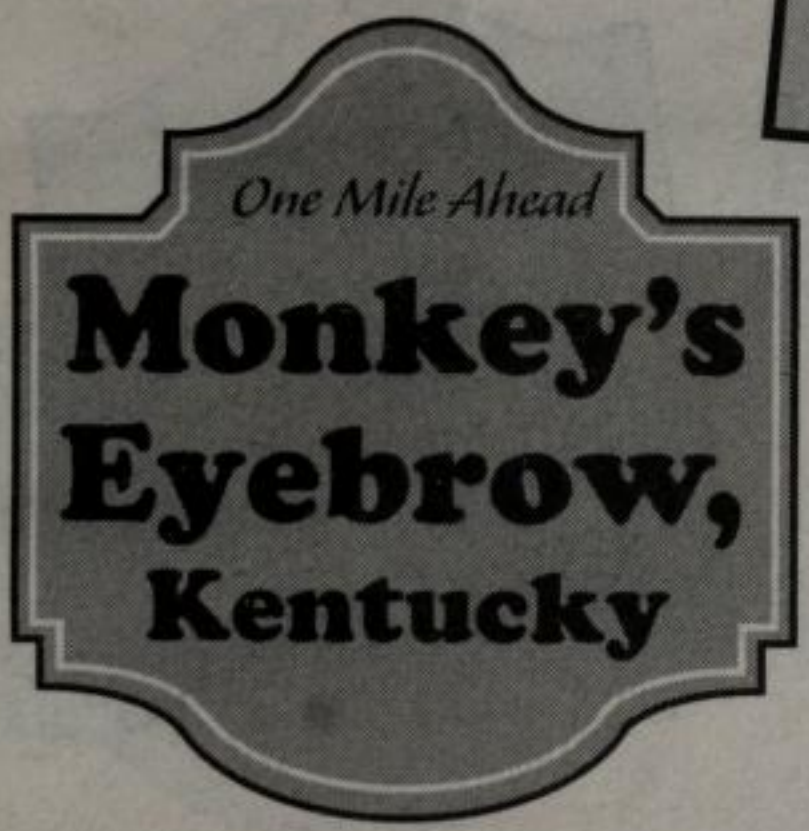
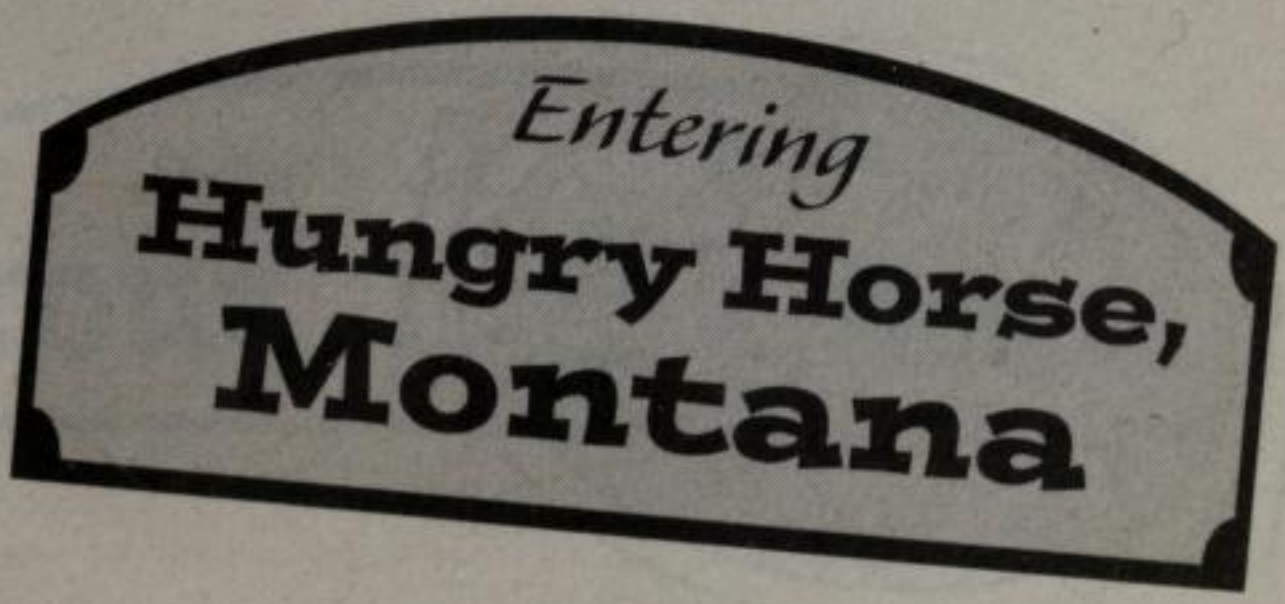
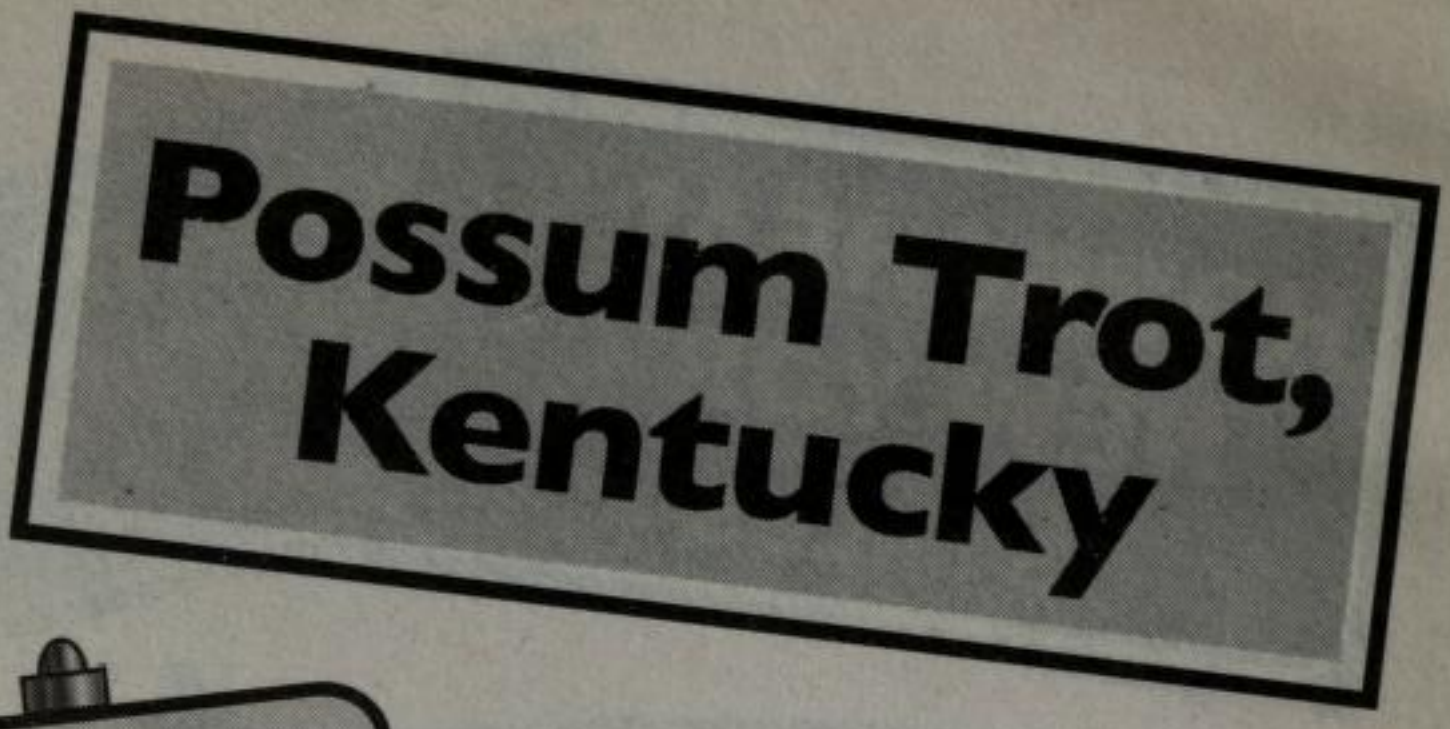

HORSEHEADS,
NEW YORK
5 MILES


CITY LIMITS
MAMMOTH,
WEST VIRGINIA

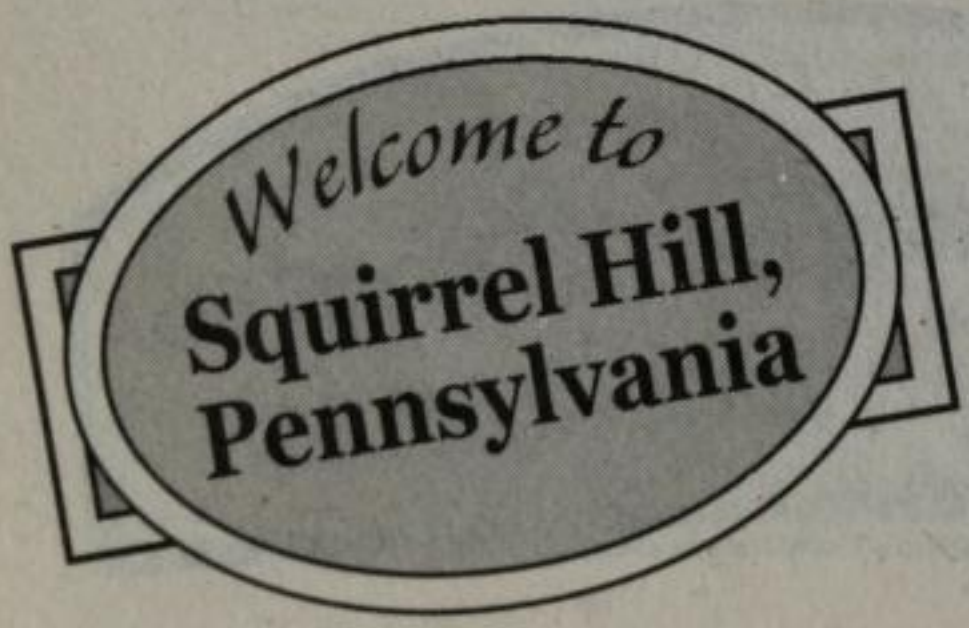

One Mile Ahead
Monkey's
Eyebrow,
Kentucky


Entering
Hungry Horse,
Montana


Possum Trot,
Kentucky

Rabbit
Hash,
Kentucky

You just missed
RABBIT
SHUFFLE,
North Carolina

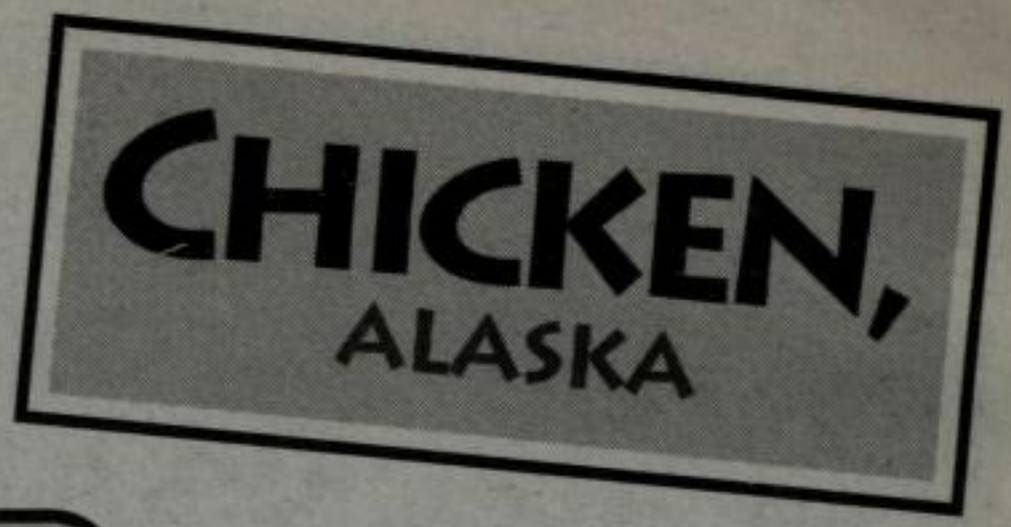

Welcome to
Squirrel Hill,
Pennsylvania

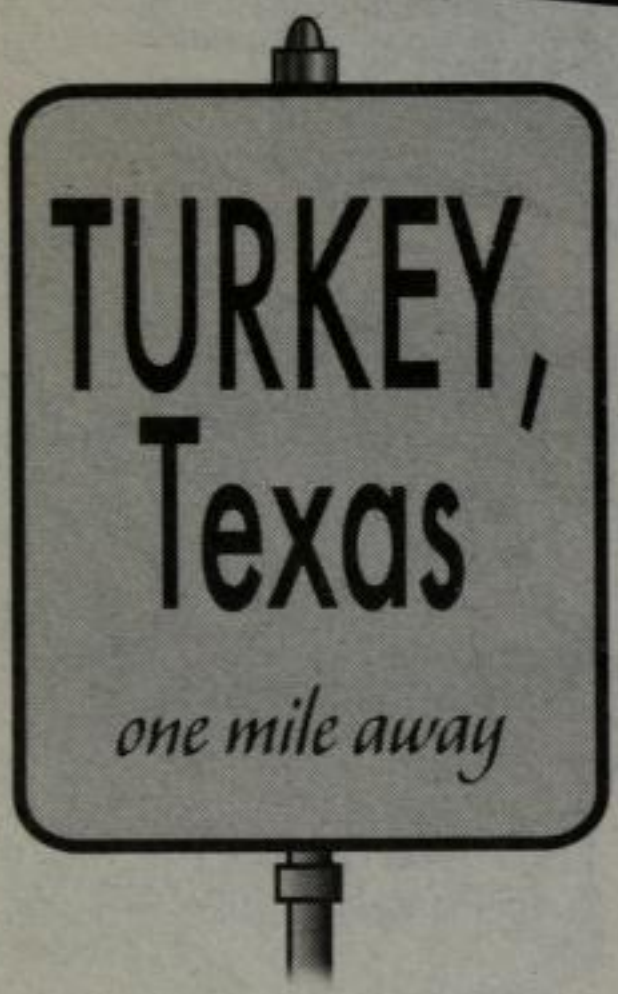
TOAD SUCK, ARKANSAS

Parrot, Kentucky

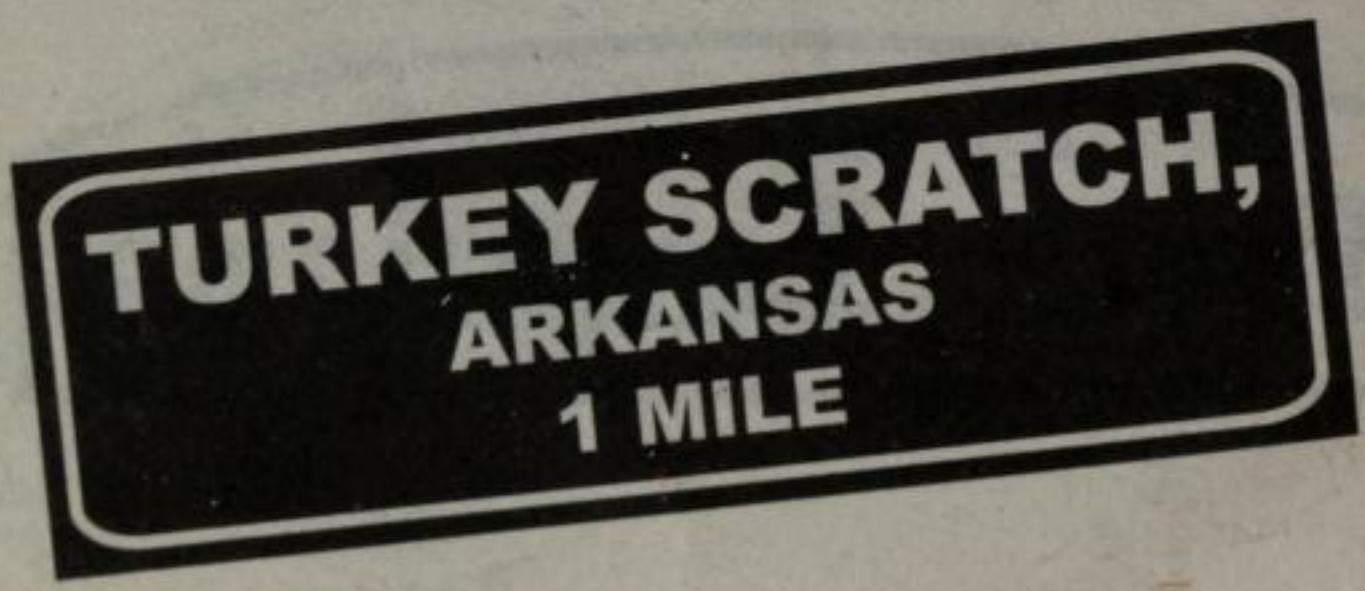
Entering
VIPER, KENTUCKY

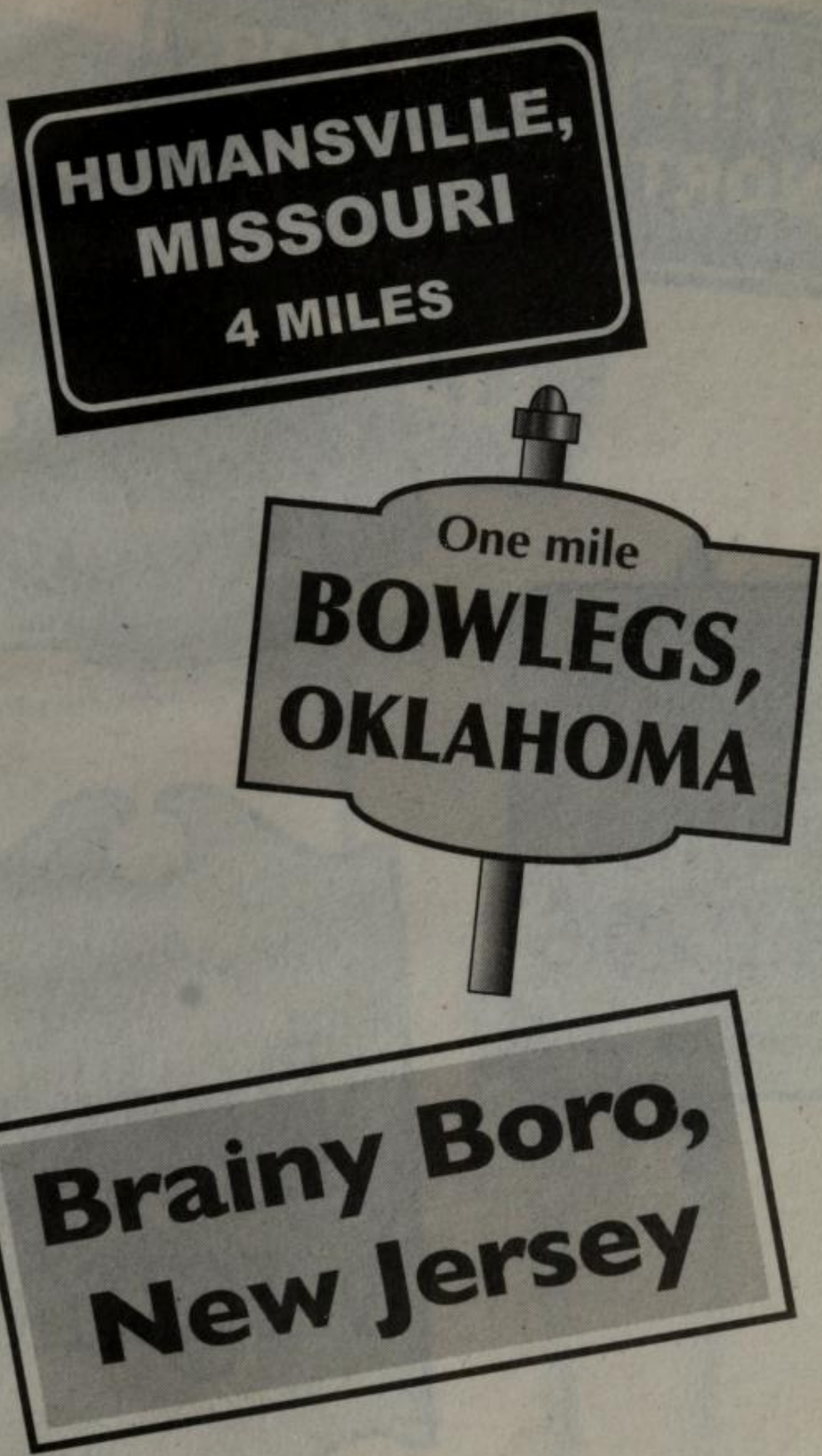
One more mile until
Trout, Louisiana


CHICKEN,
ALASKA


TURKEY,
Texas
one mile away

Come back soon!
BUZZARDS BAY,
Massachusetts

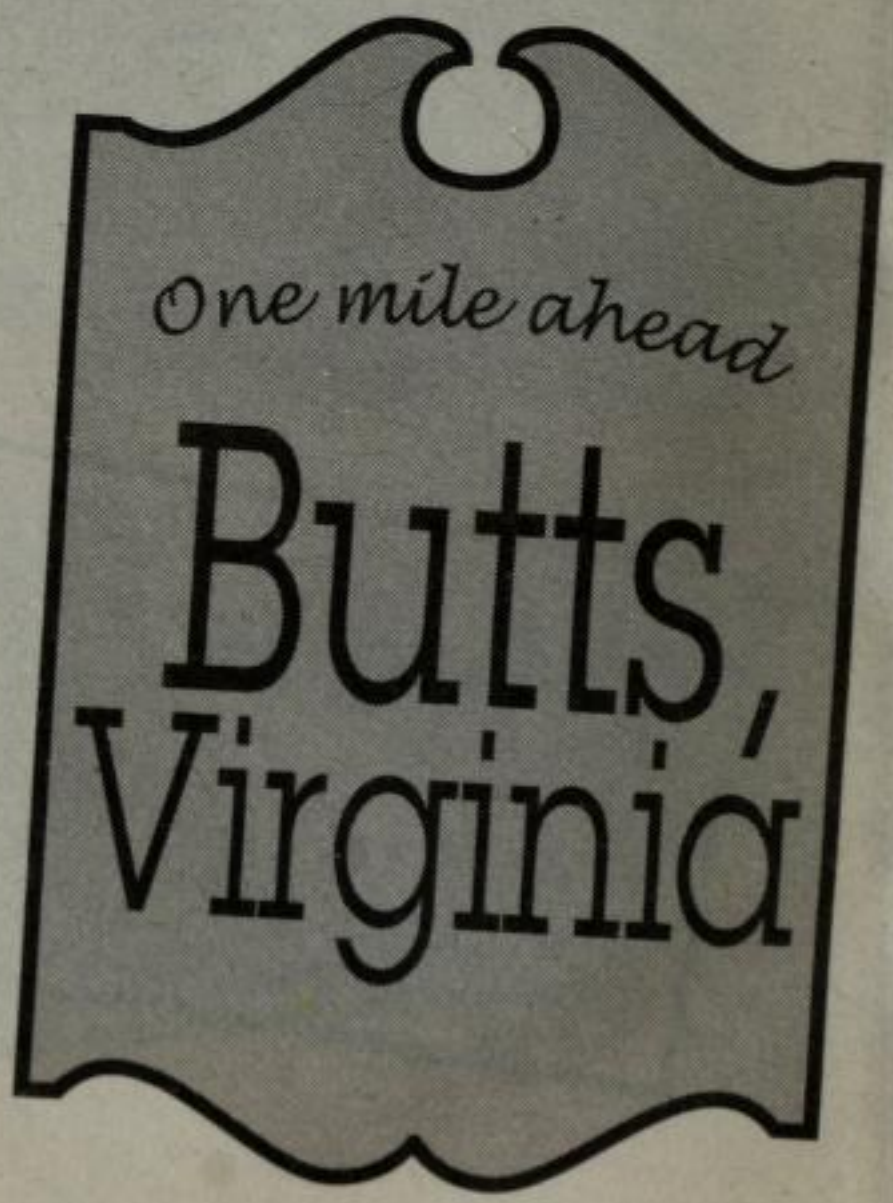

TURKEY SCRATCH,
ARKANSAS
1 MILE


HUMANSVILLE, MISSOURI
4 MILES
One mile
BOWLEGS, OKLAHOMA
Brainy Boro, New Jersey

STIFFKNEE KNOB,
NORTH CAROLINA

Welcome to
Sweet Lips,
Tennessee

West
Thumb,
WYOMING
Come back soon!


One mile ahead
Butts,
Virginia

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